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## 2011 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

### Winemaker

Philippe Melka

### Varietal Composition

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

### Vintage Notes

The 2011 vintage was a longer, cool growing season that yielded more “old world” character in the resulting wines. The resulting wines demonstrated a balance of savory elements of dried herbs, forest floor, and tobacco leaf with a core of dense dark fruits.

### Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 15 to 24 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 72% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

264 cases produced

*"The 2011 Oliver's Blend is drop-dead gorgeous. Smoke, tobacco, incense, licorice, ash and graphite literally explode from the glass. A powerful, structured wine, the 2011 boasts stunning depth and pure power. The aromas and flavors are incredibly vivid as the wine continues to open up. Smoke, licorice and savory herbs complement the dark fruit nicely in this distinctive, beautifully crafted Sonoma red."*

– Antonio Galloni

