

SKIPSTONE

2011 SKIPSTONE VIOGNIER

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Viognier – 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. Vibrant acidity lends an ethereal character to the wines in this vintage.

Winemaking regime

Philippe’s team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and aged for 16 months in 42% new French oak barrels and 58% stainless steel. The wine underwent no malolactic fermentation to preserve acidity and freshness to balance the natural weight of the viognier grapes.

120 cases produced

The 2011 vintage of our treasured Viognier offers a very delicate nose that creates a wonderful springtime perfume of fresh citrus, floral elements of orange blossom and chamomile, and the enticing aromas of a freshly caramelized creme brulee. The wine is pale citrine in color and the palette shows elegance in its balance and harmony showcasing lovely elements of summer stone fruits and a wet stone minerality. The velvety, refreshing finishing is supported with a well structured acidity.

