

S K I P S T O N E

2012 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

Dark red and black juicy fruit like plum and cherry are at the center of this wine surrounded by beautiful layers of dried herb, tobacco and mocha. Hints of leather and coffee also add depth to the Cabernet making for an intellectually stimulating experience for the senses. The Cabernet Franc lends a slight floral to the aroma and a complex minerality to the full composition rounding out this wonderfully balanced and complete offering. This warm vintage yielded soft, fleshier wines that have been very approachable early in their lifecycle.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 33 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 70% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

502 cases produced

"It reveals notes of melted licorice, espresso roast, white chocolate, blackcurrants, licorice and a touch of toasty oak. Full-bodied and opulent with a pleasant earthy character."
– Robert Parker, Jr.

