

S K I P S T O N E

2013 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

Despite following dry winter conditions, growers and vintners are proclaiming the 2013 season to be as close to a perfect season as could be hoped for. Due to the unique growing conditions in 2013, the vintage is showing characteristics of higher alcohol potential, rich aromas, and deep color. The thicker skins allowed longer maceration times, extracting flavors that will hold up well during the aging process. 2013 is destined to become a powerful vintage.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 22 to 28 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

428 cases produced

"The wine has an opaque purple color and a gorgeous nose of dusty, loamy soil scents interwoven with floral nuances, blackberry, licorice and dark, dark cherry. Very spicy and earthy, with a hint of new saddle leather ... This is a terrific, full-throttle, beautifully balanced and pure wine."

– Robert Parker, Jr.

