

SKIPSTONE

2014 SKIPSTONE FAULTLINE VINEYARD

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

59% Cabernet Franc, 24% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Malbec – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

As is typical for the 2014 vintage, the fruit expression is powerful and exuberant with fine, silky tannins. The summer of 2014 was cooler than 2013, and largely uninterrupted by the heat spikes. Thanks to those cool conditions, the wines have retained fresh fruit and bright acidities.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 22-28 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 59% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

480 cases produced

"The 2014 Faultline Vineyard... is juicy, savory and front end-loaded, as so many 2014s are. The fruits tend to move toward the darker red personalities. The wine has some underbrush and forest floor notes along with a medium to full-bodied, succulent texture. Drink it over the next 10-15 years."

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

