

S K I P S T O N E

2014 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

In 2014, the Cabernet Sauvignon was the complete package – offering exceptional richness and power, balanced by minerality and nerve – requiring only a 2% splash of our Merlot to round out the palate.

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.

603 cases produced

"Loads of earthy, loamy soil notes intermixed with underbrush, blackcurrants, black cherries, tapenade and some subtle oak are present in this dense purple, full-bodied, muscular style of wine. Like most 2014s, it is already showing plenty of deliciousness and should continue to do so for at least another 15 years or more.

– Robert Parker, Jr.

