

S K I P S T O N E

2015 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot
– from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

The hot 2015 growing season yielded a small crop of densely concentrated flavors and aromatics.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 26 to 38 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 72% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

675 cases produced

"A more Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated blend that includes 16% Cabernet Franc and 2% Merlot, the 2015 Oliver's Blend is cut from the same cloth and offers a slightly more focused, classic textural style as well as terrific notes of smoked blackcurrants, graphite, tobacco leaf, and chocolate. It's a rich, powerful, concentrated wine that will be better with a year or two of cellaring and keep for two decades."

– 95+ Points, Jeb Dunnuck

