

SKIPSTONE

2015 SKIPSTONE SOFIA'S VINEYARD

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes

The 2015 vintage at Skipstone began with a cool spring, which, along with the continuation of statewide drought, led to a small crop. Warm summer and fall ripening conditions produced Cabernet Sauvignon with small berries and thick skins, resulting in wines of extraordinary flavor and density.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 38 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 28 months in 100% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

23 cases produced

This singular wine is the apex of Cabernet Sauvignon produced at Skipstone – both of the physical vineyard plantings on our hillside and our winemaking aspiration.

The 2015 Skipstone Sofia's Vineyard aged for 2.5 years in a single, new French oak barrel from Taransaud. The 2015 Skipstone Sofia's Vineyard is the inaugural vintage for this special wine, presenting an opaque garnet-purple color, and offers an exhilarating perfume of creme de cassis, blackberry, violet, and graphite on the nose. Its beauty is apparent on the palate, offering a harmonious balance of powerful, dense fruit with the elegance and tension weaving throughout the wine's tapestry. This special wine is very giving at this youthful stage, but the patient collector will be well rewarded for decades to come.

