

S K I P S T O N E

2016 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon – from Skipstone's hillside estate vineyard above Alexander Valley. Certified organic and sustainable farming.

Vintage Notes

The 2016 growing season was a viticulturists dream. Remarkably consistent growing conditions persisted throughout the year, characterized by a slightly cooler and drier overall summer season than the 3 years leading up to it. 2016 wines were notable for their concentration and depth of flavor and sophistication on the palate

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for 33 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

675 cases produced

"Flirting with perfection, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Oliver's Blend is another wine from the estate vineyard, and it spent 18 months in 65% new French oak. Awesome notes of blackcurrants, crème de cassis, tobacco leaf, and lead pencil all flow to a full-bodied, perfectly balanced Cabernet Sauvignon that has building tannins (yet they're ripe and polished), a terrific mid-palate, and a weightless, seamless texture. This is Sonoma brilliance all the way, and I suspect it will keep for 2-3 decades if you're so inclined."
– 98 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

