

2016 Preface Red Wine

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

Preface is a Merlot-dominated Bordeaux-Blend, rounded out by small additions of both Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon for structure and aromatic expression.

Vineyard characteristics

This is from a hillside estate on Mayacamas range, located in the southeast portion of the Alexander Valley. Farmed sustainably and certified organic, grapes were all hand-farmed, hand-harvested at night to preserve freshness and integrity of the grapes.

Winemaking regime

Philippe's team hand sorted followed by an optical sorting all of the grapes, which were left on the skins for an average of 4 weeks prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak, and 35% seasoned French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

