

SKIPSTONE

2016 SKIPSTONE SOFIA'S VINEYARD

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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 an average of 32 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 19 months in 100% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

22 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.

What more can we add to the seemingly endless praise of the 2016 vintage in our region? Philippe himself put 2016 in his top vintages he has experienced throughout his career, comparing it to the benchmark 1994 vintage. This wine follows suit with the characteristics of the vintage and site from which it is grown - exhibiting a towering structure of seamless tannins, ripe blue and black fruits, graphite, anise, and baking spice, all balanced by acidity that leaves this wine lingering on your palate long after tasting a sip. A towering wine that is best enjoyed 2024-2050.

