SKIPSTONE

2018 SKIPSTONE MERLOT

Winemaker
Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition
83% Merlot, 12% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Notes
The exceptional growing season in 2018 favored the Skipstone estate. A longer, more moderate growing season provided extremely long hangtimes, which yielded optimal phenolic maturity without requiring high Brix at harvest. The resulting wines in 2018 are extraordinarily refined, exuding aromatic and textural depth that is immediately apparent in the glass, with dark fruit profiles, moderate weight and alcohol, and highly polished tannins.

Winemaking regime
Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 20 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 43% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

217 cases produced

Initially unassuming and reticent, the 2018 Skipstone Merlot unfurls its bouquet of freshly picked raspberry and plum, bergamot tea, and cedar with time in the glass. Exuberant and packed with candied plum drizzled with a touch of aged balsamic notes, this wine drapes softly, with silky tannins and mouth-watering acidity. This polished wine glides across the palate effortlessly. Drink 2021-2032.