

S K I P S T O N E

2018 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 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 29 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 46% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

795 cases produced

Coming from the Alexander Valley, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Oliver's Blend is another beautiful Sonoma Cabernet from this estate that's well worth seeking out. Classic cassis fruits as well as notes of tobacco leaf, toasted spices, and tapenade give way to a medium to full-bodied, finesse-driven 2018 with ripe yet present tannins, outstanding balance, and a great finish. It's going to have two decades or more of longevity.
– 95 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

