

S K I P S T O N E

2018 Preface (By Skipstone) Proprietary Red

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

Preface is a Bordeaux-Blend comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon (66%), Merlot (19%), Malbec (9%), and Cabernet Franc (6%) – all from Skipstone's estate vineyard.

Vineyard characteristics

This is from the Skipstone estate vineyard on the 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 the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 4 weeks prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

The 2018 Preface Proprietary Red retails for \$70. It is in 9L cases, of which, approximately 785 cases were made.

