

SKIPSTONE

2018 SKIPSTONE SOFIA'S VINEYARD

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% 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 31 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 91% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

175 3-bottle bamboo cases produced

Upon the first impression in the glass, Sofia's Vineyard exhilarates the senses. The explosive array of blackcurrants, graphite, and cocoa mingle with aromas of sweet tobacco. This utterly expansive and profoundly structured wine floods across the palate, building layers upon layers of flavors with each progressive taste. Impeccably balanced, yet rich, Sofia's Vineyard offers up the pure essence of our Las Rocas hillside vineyard blocks. A multi-decade life stands ahead of this wine, and best enjoyed with several hours in the decanter in its youth to unfurl its full potential.

