

S K I P S T O N E

2019 SKIPSTONE LUKA'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

97% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot

Vintage Notes

2019 was ever so slightly cooler than average, notable for even, warm days with minimal heat spikes or threats of rain during harvest – conditions that allowed this vintage a long ripening window that yielded fully mature flavors. August picked up several days of higher nighttime temperatures, which ramped up the ripeness of flavors and dialed back acidity and tannin during the last month of the growing season. The resulting 2019 wines are profoundly deep and luxuriously textured wines. The entire Skipstone lineup exudes a core of mouth filling dark fruits, and plush, soft tannins. The 2019 wines are some of the most imminently pleasing wines in this stage of their youth we have ever produced, and they have a dense core of fruit that will support several decades in the cellar if you can resist the temptation to enjoy now.

Winemaking regime

Our winemaking team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 26 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 70% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

75 cases produced

The 2019 Luka's Blend wafts from the glass with enticing scents of blueberry reduction, fresh black raspberries, melted dark chocolate, and lilac punctuated by notes of cedar, blood orange extract, herbs de Provence, and sweet spices. The full-bodied entry coats the palate with luxurious layers of crème de cassis, crushed blackberries, and garrigue nuances. This gorgeous wine is seamless and expansive, braced by exquisitely refined tannins that resonate on the long and pure finish.

Cellar this wine with confidence, though if enjoying in the next 1-2 years, we recommend a 2 hour decant for the wine to release all of it's full potential. Best enjoyed 2025-2045.

