

SKIPSTONE

2019 SKIPSTONE OLIVER'S BLEND

Winemaker

Philippe Melka

Varietal Composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

Philippe's team hand sorted the grapes, which were fermented and left on the skins for an average of 30 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 80% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

775 cases produced

Utterly expansive and full-bodied, this wine is overflowing with crème de cassis, black cherry, and decadent flavors of raspberry truffles, embellished with hints of sous Bois, cocoa, and Moroccan spices. This captivating Oliver's Blend is immediately explosive and luxuriously textured upon entrance and carries through a seemingly endless finish.

This vintage is marked by exceptionally refined and enjoyable tannins, overtly plush mouthfeel, and a soft yet serious presence on the palate that we know will be great from the moment you pop the cork now or for decades to come. Best enjoyed 2023 through 2045, and we recommend an hour decant to allow the wine to shine in your glass today.

