

SKIPSTONE

2019 SKIPSTONE SOFIA'S VINEYARD

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 27 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 18 months in 70% new French oak barrels prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

175 3-bottle bamboo cases produced

A saturated purple-garnet in color, the 2019 Sofia's Vineyard captivates with a fragrant bouquet of wild berries, black cherry reduction, graphite, and licorice root punctuated by notions of spring flower, incense, and Oolong tea. The wine hits the palate with a cascade of black and blue fruits interlaced with hints of warm stone, cardamom seed, and tree bark. The voluptuous finish is penetrating and layered with perfectly integrated tannins. This full-bodied wine is balanced by a purity and elegance that could only come from the distinguished terroir of the estate's terraced hillsides. This wine should age gracefully for 20 years or more.

