

OVID.

NAPA VALLEY

2007

OVID [PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO] was a ROMAN POET who lived from 43 BC–17 AD. His most famous work, *Metamorphoses*, is a poetic narrative of the GREEK MYTHS, CELEBRATING the themes of TRANSFORMATION and CHANGE.

SINCE WINEMAKING is about TRANSFORMATION from grapes to something more sublime, that forms one CONNECTION. Our admiration for the ART & CULTURE OF THE ROMANS, who had so much figured out so long ago, forms another.

THE WORKS OF *OVID*, rich and timely, yet steeped in tradition, continue to speak to us.

FOR OUR LABEL, we chose a quotation from *OVID'S Metamorphoses* that EXPRESSES what we hope to achieve WITH OUR WINE.



PARTIMQUE FIGURAS RETTULIT
ANTIQUAS, PARTIM NOVA
MONSTRA CREAVIT.

Partly we recovered the OLDE, FAMILIAR
things, partly we created something
WONDEROUS and NEW.

METAMORPHOSES • Book the First.
[LINES 436–437] PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO.

TASTING NOTES

SUNT FRUGES, SUNT DEDUCENTIA RAMOS
PONDERE POMA SUO TUMIDAEQUE IN VITIBUS UVAE,
SUNT HERBAE DULCES, SUNT QUAE MITESCERE FLAMMA
MOLLIRIQUE QUEANT; NEC VOBIS LACTEUS UMOR
ERIPITUR, NEC MELLA THYMI REDOLENTIA FLORE:
PRODIGA DIVITIAS ALIMENTAQUE MITIA TELLUS SUGGERIT

*There are CROPS, fruits that S T R E T C H down the branches
By their W E I G H T, and the SWOLLEN grapes on THE VINES,*

*There are SWEET herbs, which CAN BE softened
and MADE mild over a flame; NOR DO YOU LACK milk,*

*Nor HONEY redolent of the THYME blossom;
The lavish EARTH furnishes RICHES and R I P E sustenance*

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO • *Metamorphosis* 15 • LINES 76-81

2007 is undoubtedly a LAVISH VINTAGE for NAPA VALLEY, and the 2007 OVID is DOWNRIGHT extravagant. This wine is HIGHLY aromatic with scents of fresh RASPBERRIES, candied cherry, NUTMEG and CHOCOLATE. It has an INTENSE perfume; both very pure but DEEP AND layered. On the palate, the wine's RICH fruit core and fine TANNINS are EXPANSIVE with flavors of FRESH BERRIES and warm spice which linger for a long and graceful finish. It is a wine that DRINKS beautifully NOW and will also REWARD those patient enough to CELLAR it for 10-15 years.



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