

2014

TASTING NOTES

*RIPENED, let them come forth FREELY; begotten, let them GROW
Sponte fluant matura sua- sine crescere nata;
Est premium parvae non leve vita more*
-- OVID, AMORES II. XIV. - LINE 25.

2014 was the *third* consecutive year of DROUGHT in Napa Valley. We received *almost no rain* in all of 2013 and *LITTLE RAIN* in 2014 until the STORMS in February. They provided a bit of *respite and relief* but were immediately followed by unusually *WARM* temperatures that ushered in an **EARLY BUD BREAK**. A *warm, dry growing season* followed until **AUGUST**, when temperatures rose just a bit — a *HARBINGER* of good things to come. Harvest *began early* and *WENT QUICKLY*. Ours started on September 4th and ended in an *exuberant flurry* on the 24th, just a day before a locally heavy RAIN and hailstorm.

The resulting 2014 OVID NAPA VALLEY wine *shares many characteristics* with OVID wines from the previous two DROUGHT VINTAGES. It is a wine possessing both the *PROFOUND HEFT* and tremendous focus of the 2013 vintage. And it offers *dense aromatics* of MULBERRY, dark chocolate, BLACKBERRY and tobacco that literally *SPRING* from the glass — *REMINISCENT OF THE VINTAGE* two years prior. SUNSHINE defined all three of these vintages and we hope you can taste that *radiant joy* in this *RICH* and *RESONANT* wine.

Cellar for at least one year after receipt and decant for at least 3 hours when young. This wine will age beautifully for at least 25 years.



AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*

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