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experiment: *n.* 1) a scientific procedure undertaken to make a discovery, test a hypothesis, or demonstrate a known fact; 2) a course of action tentatively adopted without being sure of the outcome; 3) a series of wines from ***Ovid Napa Valley*** celebrating experimentation in grape growing and winemaking.

At Ovid, we are committed to the idea and practice of experimentation in many facets of grape growing and winemaking, in order to learn more about our land and what will make the very best wine. We conduct formal experiments in order to investigate specific topics, and we participate in a variety of academic and applied studies as well. And we sometimes just indulge our curiosity by trying things several ways, in order to push what we know to be possible in both the vineyard and the winery.

Our Experiment wines are a product of this process. Each vintage, we will offer small amounts of different wines that are of special interest to us, allowing you to taste and experience new aspects of our vineyard and winemaking.

2016 RED EXPERIMENT C4.6

Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon has a long and mysterious history here in California. It originally arrived in Napa Valley from Mendoza, Argentina in 1964. How it made its way to South America is still unclear, presumably with French winemakers who were leaving Bordeaux in the late 1800s as phylloxera was devastating the region. Arriving mislabeled as Merlot, its storied past was off to an intriguing start. Clone 4 was fairly quickly recognized as Cabernet Sauvignon and has been viewed as an excellent selection ever since.

Intrigued by the mysterious combination of clone and site, we find this single selection of Cabernet offers a dense nose of fresh blackberry, cassis, black cherry, cola and dark chocolate. Rich and burnished, this particular expression is utterly delicious.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*