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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 Napa Valley, experimentation in grape growing and winemaking reflects our ethos – to learn more about the land and what will make the very best wine. We conduct formal experiments on specific topics and participate in a variety of academic and applied studies. And we sometimes try things several ways just to indulge our curiosity and to challenge what we know to be possible in the vineyard and the winery.

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

## 2019 RED EXPERIMENT B5.9

In 2000, we planted Block 5 in extremely volcanic clay loam along the ridgeline of our property. The sparse resources defining this block always posed a challenge to experimentation. But, as if farming under a magnifying glass, this transparency taught us how to best farm the site.

The 2019 Red Experiment B5.9 focuses on a singular block of the OVID estate. Pure notes of rhubarb, raspberry pie and boysenberry are countered by delightful hints of orange rind, iron filings and flint. The incredible power and density so inherent in this site unfurls across the palate with beautifully burnished tannins – the joys of many lessons learned and captured in vibrant, radiant expression.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*