

2021

TASTING NOTES

There, sharing the wine, you will tell of many things.

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO



2021 CONTINUED the *second year of drought* in the WESTERN United States, and OVID was no exception. A COOL FEBRUARY AND MARCH pushed budbreak back to *historical normal* with buds emerging in *late March*. TEMPERATE WEATHER gave way to *a little bit of warmth during bloom*, setting clusters that were LONG AND LOOSE — *exemplary* of ideal bunches. AMPLE SUNLIGHT and *a temperate summer* COAXED THE GRAPES ALONG and *provided ideal ripening weather*.

As a result of the *superb weather*, harvest started A BIT EARLY with the first pick in MID-SEPTEMBER. We slowly made our way through the estate, *ENJOYING OUR TIME* in the vines and *collecting* fruit from each block *at its zenith of expression*. Our last pick wrapped at the end of the FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. This *luxurious time and length* can be felt in these EXPANSIVE WINES.

Loquacious in its approach, the 2021 OVID NAPA VALLEY offers AROMATICALLY DENSE notes of fresh *mulberry, kola nut, blackberry, black cherry, flint* and *bay laurel* that are STRIKING IN PURITY.

BROAD and ENVELOPING, this wine delivers *undeniably delicious* POWER AND WILL continue to tell its *VIVID, seamless story* for decades to come.



AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*

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N A P A V A L L E Y

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

PLANTED in 2000 on the rocky red, volcanic perch of PRITCHARD HILL, our organically certified, 15-acre vineyard is *divided into* ONE-ACRE blocks — each with a *UNIQUE* rootstock and clone combination of *Bordeaux varieties*.

While *TRANSFORMING* our estate-grown grapes into *OVID* wines, we take care at every step and devote extraordinary technical *attention to the vineyard* to ensure the most AUTHENTIC EXPRESSION in the glass.

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.*

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