

OVID.

N A P A V A L L E Y

2005

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

After one year of bottle AGE, THE 2005 OVID is instantly expressive, with aromas of BAKED BLACKBERRIES, CASSIS & CHERRIES coming from the glass, even as the wine IS BEING poured. THE color is DARK BLUE purple and coats THE glass.

Intense flavors of BLACK FRUITS, dried currants, and SPICE BREAD are delivered to THE PALATE with great precision, leading to multiple layers, including WET GRAVEL, PENCIL LEAD and SMOKE.

This DENSE and COMPLEX WINE has a lengthy FINISH packed with fruit & framed by BROAD polished TANNINS.



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