

# OVID.

## N A P A V A L L E Y

2006

*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.*

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METAMORPHOSES • *Book the First.*  
[LINES 436–437] PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO.

## TASTING NOTES

ILLIC ADIPOSITO NARRABIS MULTA LYAEO.

*There, SHARING the WINE, you will tell of MANY THINGS.*

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO • AMORES II • *Elegy XI* • LINES 49

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*Each year, from SMALL LOTS of fruit grown in the RED ROCKY SOIL of our vineyard on PRITCHARD HILL, we choose just the BEST BARRELS and BLEND them together to create the NEW VINTAGE of OVID NAPA VALLET. THE VINEYARD'S evolution fascinates us—with each succeeding VINTAGE, NEW DIMENSIONS of the wines are REVEALED. OVID is a BLEND of the four Bordeaux VARIETALS grown here: CABERNET SAUVIGNON, CABERNET FRANC, Merlot & Petit Verdot, varying in PROPORTION from year to year BUT always eloquently conveying this SPECIAL PLACE.*

*The 2006 OVID NAPA VALLET has its own STORY to tell. It begins with VIBRANT AROMAS that evoke its RED, ROCKY SOIL, AND contains hints of VANILLA BEAN, Black Currant, licorice, and SMOKE. On the PALATE, it is ARTICULATE, layered and VELVETY, with SOFT, enticing TANNINS that enhance the wine's ABUNDANT red fruit and SPICE. While THIS WINE will continue to evolve over the next 15 YEARS or so, it is also A WINE that is wonderfully DELICIOUS right now.*



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