

OVID.

N A P A V A L L E Y

2007

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

SUNT FRUGES, SUNT DEDUCENTIA RAMOS
PONDERE POMA SUO TUMIDAEQUE IN VITIBUS UVAE,
SUNT HERBAE DULCES, SUNT QUAE MITESCERE FLAMMA
MOLLIRIQUE QUEANT; NEC VOBIS LACTEUS UMOR
ERIPITUR, NEC MELLA THYMI REDOLENTIA FLORE:
PRODIGA DIVITIAS ALIMENTAQUE MITIA TELLUS SUGGERIT

*There are CROPS, fruits that STRETCH down the branches
By their WEIGHT, and the SWOLLEN grapes on THE VINES,*

*There are SWEET herbs, which CAN BE softened
and MADE mild over a flame; NOR DO YOU LACK milk,*

Nor HONEY redolent of the THYME blossom;

The lavish EARTH furnishes RICHES and RIPE sustenance

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO • *Metamorphosis* 15 • LINES 76–81

2007 is undoubtedly a LAVISH VINTAGE for NAPA VALLEY,
and the 2007 OVID is DOWNRIGHT *extravagant*. This
wine is HIGHLY *aromatic* with scents of fresh RASPBERRIES,
candied cherry, NUTMEG and CHOCOLATE. It has an
INTENSE *perfume*; both *very pure* but DEEP AND *layered*.
On the palate, the wine's RICH *fruit core* and *fine TANNINS*
are EXPANSIVE with *flavors* of FRESH BERRIES and
warm spice which *linger* for a long and *graceful* finish. It is
a wine that DRINKS *beautifully* NOW and will also REWARD
those *patient enough* to CELLAR it for 10–15 years.



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