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OVID [PUBLIUS OVID 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.*

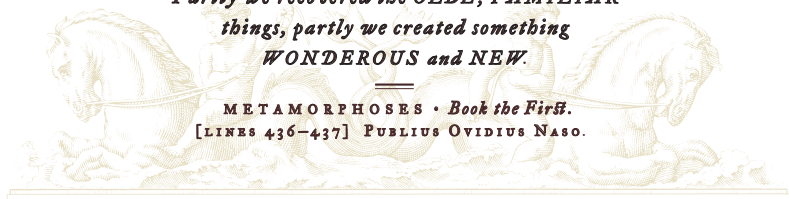
Each year, from SMALL LOTS of fruit grown in the RED ROCKY SOIL of our vineyard on PRITCHARD HILL, we choose just the BEST BARRELS and BLEND them together to create the NEW VINTAGE of OVID NAPA VALLEY. THE VINEYARD'S evolution fascinates us—with each succeeding VINTAGE, NEW DIMENSIONS of the wines are 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.

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.



2009

TASTING NOTES

PRISCA IUVENT ALIOS,

EGO ME NUNC DENIQUE NATUM GRATULOR

Let others PRAISE ancient times, I am GRATEFUL that I WAS BORN in this age.

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO • Ars Amatoria, Book III:12-1.

The GLORIOUS 2009 *growing season* made all of us HERE at OVID
grateful to be LIVING in these *times*. Modulated COOL NIGHTS
followed by BEAUTIFUL warm days STACKED UP to *make a season*
DENSELY packed *with days* of RIPENING SUNSHINE
and no *extreme* TEMPERATURES.

Just as the *eponymous* OVID relished THE CULTURE and TIME he
lived in for its INVENTIVENESS and *vigor*, we take JOY in the *wine*
of THIS VINTAGE for its *power*, DEPTH, and *DELICIOUSNESS*.

It TELLS the *story* of a season MEASURED OUT in *golden days*.
The WINE was made as *NATURALLY* as possible and is UNFINED,
unfiltered and minimally racked. The 2009 OVID NAPA VALLET
is *seamlessly layered* with aromas of MULBERRY, *fresh boysenberry*,
roasted chestnuts and *SANDALWOOD*, and WONDERFULLY
DENSE with a RICH, *precise core* of POLISHED tannins.

We think YOU'LL be able to *taste* the *RADIANCE* of the *season* that
MADE THIS WINE, whether you *DRINK* it now or 20 years from now.



AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker* ANDY ERICKSON *Consulting Winemaker*

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