

# OVID.

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

*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.*

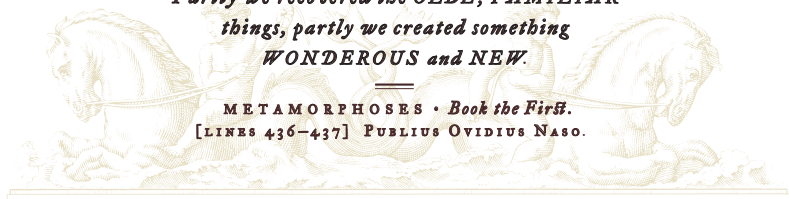
*Each year, from SMALL LOTS of fruit grown in the RED ROCKY SOIL of our vineyard on PRITCHARD HILL, we choose just the BEST BARRELS and BLEND them together to create the NEW VINTAGE of OVID NAPA VALLEY. THE VINEYARD'S evolution fascinates us—with each succeeding VINTAGE, NEW DIMENSIONS of the wines are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



## 2010 *Syrah*

### TASTING NOTES

In 2006 we *planted* a half acre of SYRAH. Partly, *we liked that* it is THOUGHT BY SOME that the *ANCIENT ROMANS* planted this *grape* in VIENNE, now known as *Cote Rotie*. Partly we *DID SO BECAUSE*, when *Syrah* is good, IT IS VERY VERY GOOD, and we'd tasted some *spectacular syrahs* from our PRITCHARD HILL neighborhood. And *partly we did so* to try SOMETHING NEW.

The 2010 OVID SYRAH was 100% *BARREL FERMENTED* in *Burgundy and Bordeaux* barrels, using a TRADITIONAL method of keeping SOME OF THE GRAPE CLUSTERS *whole* in the *FERMENTING PROCESS* to add *structure, tannins* and additional COMPLEXITY. The WINE WAS AGED on its lees in *Burgundy barrels* and GENTLY handled. It was *UNRACKED* until bottling and remains UNFINED AND UNFILTERED.

The RESULTING WINE is a *bold yet refined* 100% Syrah Noir wine, with notes of BLUEBERRY PIE, black peppercorn, *rose petals* AND FRESH BLACKBERRY. A wine of *undeniable WEIGHT AND LENGTH*, the 2010 SYRAH is at once *richly dense* and SEAMLESSLY LITHE. As *enjoyable as this wine is NOW*, it has a LONG LIFE ahead of it.

33 CASES MADE



AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*

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