

{ E X P E R I M E N T }

N^o. G8.1

experiment: *n.* 1) a scientific procedure undertaken to make a discovery, test a hypothesis, or demonstrate a known fact; 2) a course of action tentatively adopted without being sure of the outcome; 3) a series of wines from *Ovid Napa Valley* celebrating experimentation in grape growing and winemaking.

AT OVID, we are committed to the idea and practice of experimentation in many facets of grape growing and winemaking, in order to learn more about our land and what will make the very best wine. We conduct formal experiments in order to investigate specific topics, and we participate in a variety of academic and applied studies as well. And we sometimes just indulge our curiosity by trying things several ways, in order to push what we know to be possible in both the vineyard and the winery.

Our Experiment wines are a product of this process. Each vintage, we will offer small amounts of different wines that are of special interest to us, allowing you to taste and experience new aspects of our vineyard and winemaking.

TASTING NOTES:

We have always been intrigued by the array of alternative closures for wine. So for the 2011 G8.1 Experiment wine, we are trying out one of the most pleasing and simplest cork alternatives: the glass stopper. How will people feel about opening the bottle with less ceremony and no tools—just a firm twist of the glass stopper? How will a hermetic seal (as opposed to the very slight air exchange that occurs with cork) affect the wine's aging profile? This is the G8.1 experiment.

The 2011 G8.1 Experiment wine contained by this novel glass stopper is a blend of eight different lots of the Bordeaux varietals we grow on the estate. Cabernet Sauvignon speaks most loudly and clearly with bright red fruits like cherry, pomegranate, plum and pluot, and a backbone of mulberry and cassis. 2011 was a vintage that favored mountain-grown fruit like ours—this blend combines aromatic intensity, elegance and balance, and you can taste the singular place that made this wine.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*

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