

# 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 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.*

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.

2011

TASTING NOTES

INOFFENSOS DERIGIT ILLE PEDES.

*Love DIRECTS my steps, SMOOTHING the PATH.*

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO ~ AMORES I.VI LINE 8

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2011 was *certainly* not a TYPICAL YEAR in *NAPA VALLEY*, and it is *challenging vintages* like this that DISTINGUISH the *GREAT VINETARDS*. In 2011, the BEST *place to be* was ON TOP OF THE HILLS on the *EASTERN side of the valley*. The reasons for OUR SITE'S "HILLTOP ADVANTAGE" read *a little bit like poetry*: perched above the *CLOUD LINE* / *elongated days* with gentle breezes / VINES GROWING OUT OF PURE ROCK. *OVID's* wines from *this cooler year* are *BEAUTIFUL*, vibrant, and *nuanced* expressions of this *PROFOUND PRITCHARD HILL* site.

The 2011 OVID NAPA VALLEY wine is truly *ELOQUENT*. It *speaks first* of VIOLETS, then *freshly-crushed CURRANT* and blueberries *follow*, with notes of tobacco, BAKING SPICE, and *forest floor* and a *LONG*, RESONANT finish. The wine is at once *mouth-filling* and FOCUSED — like a *GREAT Paulliac*.

GORGEOUS and *EXPRESSIVE* now, the 2011 OVID will *abundantly* reward those COLLECTORS *PATIENT* enough to *cellar it*.



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