## 2013

## TASTING NOTES

May the SONG I sing be SEAMLESS as it weaves its way from the world's beginning to our day. Ovid, Metamorphoses, Book 1, lines 3-4

As a POET, Ovid has several *remarkable qualities*. His great SCOPE and AMBITION enabled him to *seamlessly* tie together all of the GREEK MYTHS into a single *unbroken song* in his poem METAMORPHOSES. And throughout this *long text*, his poetry is simultaneously DENSE & RICH and extremely *fluid* and fluent.

Each year, when *CRAFTING* our flagship OVID NAPA VALLEY blend, we are inspired to RECREATE these *poetic qualities* in the wine: to tell a *compelling story* from our *ESTATE*; to make a wine at once MANY-LAYERED and seamless; to add *TEXTURE* and finesse that belies its *strength* & power.

2013 was an EPIC year in Napa Valley, and the 2013 OVID NAPA VALLEY wine is already *finding its voice* and RECOUNTING its *story*. The wine's GREAT INTENSITY and *PROFOUND* flavors come from a *season of striving* and sTRUGGLE that began with a *dry* and EARLY spring in the second year of CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT and *CONTINUED* throughout the *long growing season*. Sweet firm TANNINS are INTERLEAVED with *blackberry* and DARK CHERRY fruits, espresso, *spice* and LICORICE to make a wine that is both *uncommonly DELECTABLE* and UNDENIABLY ELOQUENT.

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Cellar for at least one year after receipt, and decant for 3 hours when young. This wine will age beautifully for at least 25 years.