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**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.

## 2014 EXPERIMENT N1.4

“All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.”

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Staying within our own four walls, it can be easy to assume that everything we do is dialed in—as good as it can be. So we strive to always keep our perspective fresh and our minds open.

This experiment is a first for us in that we purchased the fruit from a neighboring vineyard. But we didn't just buy it—we walked their rows, observing differences in clones, row orientation, sun exposure and aspect throughout the growing season, working to see what we can learn from different approaches to growing grapes in the same neighborhood.

The result—2014 Experiment N1.4—is a classic Napa cab with plenty of red rocky character and evolution still to come. Lush and expansive with a sweet dark core, it offers notes of red tobacco, mulberry, kola nut, pomegranate, rhubarb and wet stone.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*

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