

2017

TASTING NOTES

*The same soil does not bear all things; one is
suited for grapes, another, olives.*

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The 2017 VINTAGE was not a typical year in *Napa Valley*. *ENDURING RAINS* ended the long *DROUGHT* and in May, hail challenged the *freshly growing shoots*. *FORTUITOUSLY* we ushered the *grapes* into our *CELLAR* just before the fires began to rage. We met each of these challenges with *careful planning*, deliberate decisions and *collaborative SOLIDARITY*.

We are *especially grateful* for our amazing *VINEYARD TEAM*, who sowed cover crops to soak up the *WINTER RAINS* and later *applied water* for the vines to *THRIVE* during the *SUMMER HEAT SPIKES*. Thanks to all of these efforts, the 2017 vintage resulted in wine of the *highest standard*, possibly some of the *BEST WINES* OVID has produced to date.

The 2017 OVID NAPA VALLEY RED WINE captures our feeling of *GRATITUDE* with a *RICH* and *luxuriant expression*. *BROODING* and *BROAD* with *fresh* notes of *MULBERRY*, cassis, *anise*, bay leaf, *blackberry* and *LICORICE*, this *red wine* will tell the tale of a most *REMARKABLE* vintage for *many YEARS TO COME*.



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