

# OVID.

## N A P A V A L L E Y

*OVID* [PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO] was a ROMAN POET who lived from 43 BC until 17 AD. His *most* famous work, *Metamorphoses*, is *A* poetic retelling of THE GREEK MYTHS, celebrating the themes of TRANSFORMATION *and* CHANGE.

*PLANTED* in 2000 on the rocky red, volcanic perch of PRITCHARD HILL, our organically certified 15-acre vineyard is *divided into* ONE-ACRE blocks, each with a *UNIQUE* rootstock and clone combination of *Bordeaux varieties*. In the *TRANSFORMATION* of our *estate-grown* grapes into *OVID* wines, we take care at every step, devoting extraordinary technical *attention to the vineyard* in order to ensure the most AUTHENTIC EXPRESSION in the glass.

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.



2017

TASTING NOTES

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

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO · ARS AMATORIA, BOOK I [LINES 757-758]

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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*.



AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*