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N^o. **N4.9**

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 Napa Valley, experimentation in grape growing and wine-making reflects our ethos – to learn more about the land and what will make the very best wine. We conduct formal experiments on specific topics and participate in a variety of academic and applied studies. And we sometimes try things several ways just to indulge our curiosity and to challenge what we know to be possible in the vineyard and the winery.

Our Experiment wines are a product of this process. Each vintage, we offer small amounts of different wines that we believe will be of special interest to you, allowing you to taste and experience new aspects of our vineyard and winemaking.

2019 RED EXPERIMENT N4.9

Seeking an external frame of reference to reshape ideas and inspire new ones, we purchased a small amount of fruit from a neighboring vineyard. We learned the why and how of our colleague's site, studying its row orientation and trellis setup. This different approach allowed us to learn and improve upon what we do here at the estate.

The resultant wine – 2019 Red Experiment N4.9 – is our fourth vintage from this series. Cabernet Sauvignon with nearly equal parts Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc and Merlot creates a harmony of fresh blackberry, cola, cassis and licorice root. Sandalwood and crushed cherry complete the polished and decadent palate of this neighborly adventure.

AUSTIN PETERSON *Winemaker*

