{ EXPERIMENT }

No. 1150

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 winemaking 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.

2020 RED EXPERIMENT NS.O

"It is impossible to begin to learn that which one thinks one already knows."
—Epictetus

Seeking an external frame of reference to reshape ideas and inspire new ones, we purchased a small amount of fruit from a neighboring vineyard. Working with our colleague, we learned the why and how of their site and studied everything from the soil and rootstock to row orientation and trellis setup. Their different approach allowed us to learn and improve upon what we do here at the estate.

The production of this exploration, 2020 Experiment N5.0, is our fifth vintage from this series. Cabernet Sauvignon reveals its true depth in this wine. Enticing notes of fresh blueberry, boysenberry and blackberry bramble meld with camphor, forest floor, fresh pine bow and nutmeg. Decadent and saturating, this undeniably delicious wine will delight for years to come.

AUSTIN PETERSON Winemaker