

2022

TASTING NOTES

HEXAMETER



HEXAMETER is the meter that *OVID* used in his *GREATEST POEM: Metamorphoses*. This form of verse is *uniquely* SUITED to the telling of long and inspiring tales that stand the test of time. We aim to recreate these qualities in the *HEXAMETER* wine, featuring our *PRITCHARD HILL* estate's *most profound* and *COMPELLING Cabernet Franc* as its core.

2022 began with a *dry winter*, the third in a row at OVID.

COOLER TEMPERATURES and, though intermittent, *PERFECTLY TIMED* rains brought *budbreak* about toward the beginning of April, *classic timing* for our mountain top. *A MILD SPRING* graced us with a *BEAUTIFUL CROP* and made for canopies that were *well balanced*, providing DAPPLED LIGHT to our clusters. *Summer* was relatively uneventful, with *long* TEMPERATE DAYS. Early September brought a *PUSH OF HEAT* and kicked harvest off which lasted through the SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER.

The 2022 OVID HEXAMETER exudes *perfumes of sandalwood*, licorice root, bay laurel and *violet candies*. A SOLID CORE of *BLACK CHERRY*, currant, *BLACKBERRY* and *plum* provide a BROAD ENTRY and *depth* to the palate. *Freshness* and *VIBRANT* radiate from this wine providing the framework to tell its tale with *verve and grace* for DECADES TO COME.

AUSTIN PETERSON, *Winemaker*

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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*.

While *TRANSFORMING* our estate-grown grapes into *OVID* wines, we take care at every step and devote extraordinary technical *attention to the vineyard* 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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