

2018

TASTING NOTES

Night and love and wine suggest nothing moderate.

PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO

Evenly paced *RAINS* began the 2018 vintage and *refreshed our vineyard* as it *SLEPT* during the *FIRST MONTHS* of the year. A few warm days *gently woke* it from its *SLUMBER* in late March, pushing out *TENDER SHOOTS*. April brought some of our *BIGGEST RAINFALL* and set the stage for a *luxurious growing season*. Long and clement *SUMMER DAYS* coaxed the grapes along as they slowly reached their *full fruition*.

Early *SEPTEMBER* was warm and brought on the relatively *COMPRESSED* harvest, starting the second week of *OCTOBER* and finishing *TRIUMPHANTLY* only 10 days later.

GROWING seasons like 2018 *delight us*. The *ABUNDANCE* of *TIME* to carefully consider each *farming decision* and the opportunity to use what we have learned make for *SPECTACULAR* vintages.

As a *RESULT*, 2018 represents wines with which we are *utterly thrilled* — some of our best yet.

Rich and enduring, the 2018 *VINTAGE* finds *exuberant* expression in this wine. *MULBERRY*, *BAY LEAF* and *COLA NOTES* entwined with *AROMAS* of licorice root, *sage*, sandalwood, cassis and fresh blackberry *radiate* from the glass. *POWERFUL AND COMPLETE*, this wine's poise and *LEVITY* will exhilarate 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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