

2015

TASTING NOTES

*The countryside and farming pursuits also delight the mind*

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Each WINTER, as we prune the vines, we *carefully select* the BEST CANES and BUDS, choosing for *both position and quality*, with the twin goals of a HEALTHY VINEYARD & a SUCCESSFUL HARVEST. Each bud, formed in the PREVIOUS YEAR'S GROWTH, contains an entire shoot—LEAVES, CLUSTERS AND ALL—ready to *leap forth* at the first sign of spring. So, as we ANTICIPATE THE NEXT VINTAGE, nature has already determined much of WHAT IS TO COME.

This NATURAL PREDETERMINATION was *particularly potent* in 2015, the season that followed THREE YEARS OF DROUGHT in California. With naturally limited resources, Ovid's vines produced *less than half* of our HISTORICAL AVERAGE. Though the vines produced FEWER BERRIES PER CLUSTER, cleverly they were *BEAUTIFULLY LONG & LOOSE* clusters—ideal for ensuring uniform RIPENING and EXPOSURE.

A temperate summer *gently ripened* this fruit, EXTENDING HARVEST into the last week of September. And while small in volume, the resulting wines from this vintage are WRIT LARGE—fresh, *vibrant* and UTTERLY COMPELLING.

The 2015 OVID NAPA VALLEY wine *exudes exhilarating* aromas of fresh blackberry, cassis, *violet candies* and FOREST FLOOR. Deeply hued and *densely delicious*, the 2015 Ovid is both EXPANSIVE and GENEROUS. Sprung from the buds *encoded* with LAST SEASON'S STORY, this profound wine will continue to *delight the mind* and palate for MANY SEASONS to come.



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