



2012 CHECKERBOARD

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

“Since the inaugural 2006 vintage, Checkerboard was crafted from the Aurora Vineyard.

Beginning with the 2012 vintage, the wine was renamed to reflect its vineyard source and the wine program was expanded to include bottlings from our new Coyote Ridge and Nash Creek Vineyards.

Aurora Vineyard rests on a knoll in a small valley midway up our mountain at 1,200 feet in elevation where the soils are riddled with basalt rock and volcanic ash.

2012 Checkerboard Aurora Vineyard entices with a nose of sweet sandalwood and fresh, dark fruits. The palate offers notes of deep cherry, blueberry and rhubarb compote interlaced with graphite and sweet caramel. The wine rewards with a long finish and approachable yet firm tannins.”