



## 2015 CHECKERBOARD KINGS ROW

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

"2015 Checkerboard Kings Row remains an expression of the Aurora Vineyard which is located in a small valley midway up Diamond Mountain on a large knoll at an elevation of 1,200 feet. The knoll projects off the mountainside, giving the vineyard full Southern exposure and open light from the East and West and protection from Napa Valley's summer fog. Six acres of the vineyard are planted in the knoll's rich, volcanic soils that are riddled with basalt cobble in a loamy red clay. The remaining six acres are planted in a deep gravelly mix of white volcanic ash and chips of decomposed Rhyolite that were washed down from the steep, rocky crags of Diamond Mountain above.

The 2015 vintage is luscious with lively aromas of Blackberry, Cassis, Blueberry, and dried exotic Herbs. On the palate, the wine is expansive and full, with a linear and seamless display of fruit complemented by Dark Chocolate and Vanilla Bean. Silky and approachable tannins plus a lengthy finish are hallmarks of this exceptional vintage of Kings Row."