

CHECKERBOARD 2007 VINTAGE

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

“As a vintage 2007 was historical. The growing season yielded nearly perfect conditions for optimal ripening and maturity development of the tannins. The intense fruit flavors showed themselves from early on allowing us the time to patiently wait and select the ideal date for the harvest of each individual block. The result of this gave us a wide array of uniquely separate lots from which to pick and choose, and ultimately blend a wine truly representative of the sight and soils of the estate vineyards nestled in their own private valley. We are incredibly pleased with the flavor profile that already so richly shines through from fifth leaf of these vines, adding depth and concentration to the powerful, yet soft, subtle and sweet tannins that are the structure and foundation of this wine.”