



## **2013 CHECKERBOARD AURORA VINEYARD**

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

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

The aromas of 2013 Checkerboard Aurora Vineyard offer nuances of spice, smoke, and roasted game meat. On the palate, seductive, dark fruit is seamlessly interlaced with sage and tobacco leaf. Deceptively soft tannins result in an elegant mid-palate and provide the foundation for an unending finish of fruit and pure mineral that is indicative of the site. In its youth, this 2013 vintage of great structure and length benefits greatly from extended decanting prior to service.”