

CHECKERBOARD 2008 VINTAGE

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“The 2008 vintage is recognized for its lower than average precipitation in winter and throughout the early months of Spring. The result was a quick bloom and very even set. The rest of the growing season yielded moderate temperatures, peppered with only a few scattered heat spikes. The pleasantly cool weather continued through the months of August and September and provided ideal conditions for complete physiological development and maturation of the tannins. The actual harvest was a bit earlier and shorter than usual, which can be attributed to the perfect circumstances in which the grapes were given to ripen. The wines of 2008 can be characterized for their expression of luscious fruit, optimal ripeness and elegant finesse. At this time, the 2008 Checkerboard is already extremely enjoyable and allowing us much excitement in being able follow its evolution as it continues to age in the bottle.”