



**2012 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 2012 Checkerboard Aurora Vineyard offer subtle hints of sweet sandalwood, dark red cherry and graphite. On the palate, the fruit is beautifully integrated with a touch of blue fruit and tobacco leaf. Soft tannins offer an elegant mid-palate and provide the foundation for an extended finish of fruit and minerality that is indicative of the site. In its youth, this 2012 vintage benefits from decanting prior to service.”