



2013 CHECKERBOARD COYOTE RIDGE VINEYARD

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"Coyote Ridge Vineyard is sited at 900 feet in elevation and composed of red clay and shattered basalt rock. The vineyard's name comes from a fondness for a family of coyotes who protect the vines from burrowing pests.

The 2013 Checkerboard Coyote Ridge bursts with high-toned floral aromas of lavender and rose petals. Unctuous red fruit and dark chocolate covered cherries frame a hedonistic palate impression that is only slightly tamed by layered tobacco and Asian spice flavors. The broad structure of this wine is key to its approachability in its youth, although decanting is highly recommended."