



## **2013 CHECKERBOARD NASH CREEK VINEYARD**

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

“At 2,000 feet in elevation and at the top of the estate is Nash Creek Vineyard. It rests on a flat terrace just below the ridge and is composed of rhyolite. Due to the elevation, the temperatures are often warmer in winter and cooler in summer than the other Checkerboard vineyards below.

The 2013 Checkerboard Nash Creek is visually stunning at first glance. The deep intensity of color precludes an array of briary fruit yet to be rivaled from the estate. On the palate, ripe blackberry, boysenberry, and plum fruit gradually transform to an expression of pure rock and earth. Firm tannins form an unforgettable structure that ensures this vintage will enjoy extended cellaring. In its youth, the wine benefits greatly from decanting prior to service.”