



## 2014 CHECKERBOARD KINGS ROW

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

"2014 Checkerboard Kings Row remains an expression of the Aurora Vineyard which is located in a small valley midway up Diamond Mountain on a large knoll at an elevation of 1,200 feet. The knoll projects off the mountainside, giving the vineyard full Southern exposure and open light from the East and West and protection from Napa Valley's summer fog. Six acres of the vineyard are planted in the knoll's rich, volcanic soils that are riddled with basalt cobble in a loamy red clay. The remaining six acres are planted in a deep gravelly mix of white volcanic ash and chips of decomposed Rhyolite that were washed down from the steep, rocky crags of Diamond Mountain above.

Charming and appealing, 2014 King's Row suggests aromas of Bing cherry, raspberry and fresh blackberries entwined with baking spice. These warm fruit notes are layered with toasty chocolate and vanilla bean in a wine that's full bodied and structured with approachable tannins. 2014 Kings Row finishes with a lengthy and lively impression of this exceptional vineyard."