



## 2015 CHECKERBOARD COYOTE RIDGE VINEYARD

MARTHA MCCLELLAN, WINEMAKER

"Coyote Ridge Vineyard is located on a long undulating ridgeline that runs Eastward downhill from the Aurora Vineyard knoll. The vineyard blocks are perched on the hillside above Nash Creek Canyon to the South and share the same red iron oxide clay as the upper blocks of Aurora Vineyard. Though the soils are similar, the South and slightly Eastern exposure of Coyote Ridge, along with its lower 900 foot elevation, allows the top of the summer fog line to reach the Vineyard. This creates an entirely different microclimate and growing cycle for its vines.

In 2015, an unusually early harvest of these low-yielding vines resulted in an intensely flavored wine that shines a spotlight on the fruit and floral character of Coyote Ridge. Aromas and flavors abound with fresh Cherries, Plum, Rose Hips and Red Currants, combining with Caramel, Lavendar and Pink Tellicherry Peppercorn. The wine is full bodied with delicious, approachable tannins and offers collectors of Coyote Ridge Vineyard another fantastic vintage.

In its youth, the wine benefits from decanting prior to serving."