



## 2021 CHECKERBOARD

### KINGS ROW

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2021 Kings Row is produced from grapes grown in Aurora Vineyard, 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, 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 washed down from the steep, rocky crags of Diamond Mountain above.

2021 Checkerboard Kings Row is a triumph in blending, resulting in a wine so tightly integrated that the Bordeaux varietals are nearly indistinguishable from each other. The dense palate of dark red and blue fruits, white rock, and baking spice combine with a luxurious and chewy texture that over-delivers. A juicy core is persistent from the approach through to the extended finish, making it a wine that all Kings Row fans will savor and enjoy.