



2021 CHECKERBOARD COYOTE RIDGE VINEYARD

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Coyote Ridge Vineyard is located on a long undulating ridgeline that runs eastward and 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.

Always the pretty girl, Coyote Ridge Vineyard delivered another spectacular wine in 2021. High toned, abundant red fruits are laced with caramel, black tea, and lavender to illustrate the vineyard's charismatic personality. Refusing to be outshone by Aurora and Nash Creek, 2021 Coyote Ridge Vineyard is full-bodied and luxurious and the perfect companion for any occasion. The vintage benefits from decanting in its youth.