



2021 CHECKERBOARD NASH CREEK VINEYARD

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At 2,000 feet in elevation and at the top of the Estate is Nash Creek Vineyard. The vineyard blocks rest just below the east ridge of Diamond Mountain on a steeply sloping terrace composed entirely of rhyolite. At this elevation, winter temperatures are colder and extend into early spring and bud break takes place up to six weeks later than our vineyards below. By early summer, Nash Creek Vineyard catches up and surpasses the growth of the Aurora and Coyote Ridge Vineyards. This is due to the lingering daytime heat absorbed by its rocky base and the nighttime convective warmth rising from the Napa Valley below, providing nearly round-the-clock grape maturation.

Nash Creek Vineyard is the alter-ego and the Jekyll to Coyote Ridge's Hyde. Dark, intense, and unbridled in spirit, the 2021 vintage will not disappoint the vineyard's fans. Think "boysenberry and blackberry meet rock and earth" to deliver what can only be characterized as hedonism in a bottle. Its opulent finish is layered with ripe berries, espresso, sweet barrel notes, and plenty of structure.

In its youth, 2021 Checkerboard Nash Creek benefits from decanting.