



## 2022 CHECKERBOARD

### KINGS ROW

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2022 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.

The 2022 vintage presents a bright, energetic expression of the site. Aromatically, it opens with vivid cherry notes - leaning more toward a fresh cherry with savory complexity. Gentle earthy undertones add nuance and depth.

On the palate, Kings Row is vibrant, driven by freshness rather than weight. Red fruit carries through from the nose, supported by high natural acidity and a focused structure. The finish is clean and precise, contributing to its elegance and food-friendly nature.