



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Napa County

SOIL TYPE
volcanic ash, basalt cobble and loamy clay

VARIETAL(S)
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Martha McClellan



2019 Checkerboard King's Row Napa Valley

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Checkerboard Vineyards is a hillside estate nestled in the mountains on the west side of Napa Valley. Our vineyards produce extraordinary wines rooted in a profound feeling for the land that bears our vines and yields our rich fruit. We have taken meticulous care to farm and groom our meadows and woodlands to preserve native growth, protect wildlife and nurture a unique mix of rootstock and classic Bordeaux clones. Devotion to the site and a near perfect combination of climate, exposures and altitudes has allowed us to fulfill our dream of a classic Napa Valley wine coaxed from our stony soils. We are proud to introduce Checkerboard wines: an elegant expression of place and our passionate commitment to the craft of winemaking.

WINE NOTES

2019 Checkerboard Kings Row is produced from grapes grown in the Aurora Vineyard which is 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 are planted in the knoll's rich, volcanic soils that are riddled with basalt cobble and loamy clay. The remaining six acres are planted in a deep gravelly mix of white volcanic ash and chips of decomposed Rhyolite that were washed down from the steep, rocky crags of Diamond Mountain above. 2019 Checkerboard Kings Row is a complex wine showcasing the Bordeaux varietals grown in the Aurora Vineyard. The nose is a swirl of dark red fruits, baking spice, and sandalwood. On the palate, the fruit dominates and offers hints of dried crushed herbs, black pepper, and freshly pressed espresso. There's a juicy core which is persistent from the approach through to the finish.