



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



2020 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

The 2020 vintage began with a dry winter on display by a patchwork of early rains in March that reduced crop yields. Checkerboard Vineyards were able to craft wine of great power and expression from this particularly warm vintage with wines that radiate rich and bold flavors. Although the region was impacted by two fires in the middle of the growing season, Martha and the team were able to harvest these wonderful wines prior to the issues caused by mother nature.

The 2020 Kings Row is produced from grapes grown mainly on our Aurora Vineyard which is in a small valley midway up Diamond Mountain. It sits at approximately 1,200 feet elevation, which full southern exposure and great light from both the east and west. It is protected in the summer by the fog that sits above the 11-acre parcel.

On the nose you will smell intense aromas of raspberry, strawberry and plum that are balanced with racy acidity. The finish is long and lush with polished tannins.