

LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

2018 LION TAMER CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY



BORN BOLD IN THE NAPA VALLEY

Lion Tamer is the power of the Napa Valley harnessed. These wines are a pure representation of the winemaker's craft and their ability to tame the unruly tannins of mountain fruit.

The name Lion Tamer has become our nickname for Malbec because we use this grape as a blending variety to tame powerful tannins.

FROM THE CELLAR

"In crafting this wine, our goal is to achieve perfect balance between hedonism and elegance. We add a touch of Malbec to the blend to develop a softness in the tannins, making this a smooth and seamless wine. These supple tannins surround the palate, framing layers of juicy black cherry, dark plum and hints of rich mocha, with well-integrated vanilla and oak notes delivering a lengthy, elegant finish." – Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

TECHNOLOGY AND WINEMAKING

Our Lions Head Cellar houses some of the most progressive winemaking technology allowing our winemakers to craft wines of exceptional quality that showcase the distinctive lands from which they come. The winemakers leverage tools like our optical sorter, which ensures only the highest quality berries are delivered to the fermentation tanks; and cutting-edge tanks, which facilitate 24/7 monitoring of pumpovers and micro-adjustments to be made throughout the winemaking process.

RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Each vintage presents a unique set of challenges and obstacles. Vintage 2018 began with a warm end to February, and spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a mild summer. Steady growing conditions continued into the fall with harvest starting slightly later than normal, and in some areas, extending into the first week of November. After such lengthy hang time, the fruit was picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

BLEND:	83% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petite Sirah 7% Malbec
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PH:	3.78
TA:	0.64 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 33% New French and American oak barrels for 20 months
HARVESTED:	October 5-31, 2018
CASES:	8,052 (9L)