



# LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

## 2018 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

<b>BLEND:</b>	100% Merlot
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.8%
<b>PH:</b>	3.54
<b>TA:</b>	0.60 gms/100ml
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	Aged in 20% New French oak barrels for 20 months
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	October 8, 2018
<b>CASES:</b>	415 cases

### ARTISTRY IN BOTTLE

Small Block Series wines thrive under next generation leaders Tim and Sabrina Persson. These wines honor winemaking practices that explore distinctive vineyards and artisan techniques. The Small Block Series reflects the next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the personalities of Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast grapes in bottle.

### RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Each vintage presents a unique set of conditions, and we approach every year ready to face the challenge. For vintage 2018, budbreak began on schedule at the end of February, and spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a warm summer without any disruptive heat spikes. Steady growing conditions continued through Harvest, which began in mid-September for the white varieties. We continued picking our red varieties long into the first weeks of November. With such lengthy hang time, the fruit matured consistently and was picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

### FROM THE CELLAR

"Our Small Block Series Merlot is a beautiful expression of what this varietal has to offer. Inviting aromas of black cherry, red currant and honeycomb lead to a silky wine on the palate. This Merlot is driven by dark plum and cassis that fuse seamlessly with soft touches of toasted vanilla oak as mouth-filling tannins linger on a long, pleasant finish."  
- Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

### CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

"Roasted duck, quail or pork loin alongside a dark berry compote complement the earthy notes in the wine perfectly. Creamy au gratin potatoes or roasted leeks with spring onion and green garlic make delicious additions to complete the meal."  
- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

### COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

We are proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



LIONS HEAD LUXURY COLLECTION  
4411 REDWOOD RD. | NAPA, CALIFORNIA 94558  
LIONSHEADWINES.COM | @lionsheadwines

