



# LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

## 2018 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES COLLECTORS CUVÉE NAPA VALLEY

<b>BLEND:</b>	59% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 16% Malbec
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.8%
<b>PH:</b>	3.68
<b>TA:</b>	0.65 gms/100ml
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	Aged in 40% New French oak barrels for 22 months
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	October 1, 2018 - November 6, 2018
<b>CASES:</b>	677 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

“Originally inspired by the blends crafted during our annual Blending Party each April, Small Block Series Collectors Cuvée is a unique wine. For vintage 2018, Cabernet Sauvignon leads the blend with Merlot and Malbec layered in to create the perfect harmony. This supple and bold wine is deep in color and offers aromas of wild mountain blackberries and hints of clove. Rich and juicy upon entry, ripe plum and cassis marry with well-integrated tannins and notes of cinnamon and allspice presenting on the long finish.”

– Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

### CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

“This wine will stand well alongside braised or grilled meats like lamb, pork or duck dressed with sweet onions and earthy accents from mushrooms, eggplant and wild fennel. Hard cheeses with popular sea salt crystals such as Bravo Farms Silver Mountain or Beecher's Flagship Reserve are just the thing to show off contrasting and complementary tastes.”

– 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.



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