

# LIONSHEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

# 2021 PANTHERA PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST

#### **BORN BOLD**

The Lions Head Luxury Collection demonstrates boldness where you least expect it. The power of these wines comes from the adept control and balance of fruit, acid, oak, and time. Panthera wines are inspired by the subtleties in strength — captured through the bright acidity created by the cool climate of the Sonoma Coast and coaxed into powerful flavors by the winemaker at the blending table.

#### FROM THE CELLAR

"Panthera Pinot Noir showcases dynamic tension in winestyle as this wine displays both a vibrant purity of fruit and a refined oak profile. Expansive and silky on the palate, notes of red plum, raspberry compote and Bing cherry work in harmony with elegant tannins, supported by a signature backbone of acidity nurtured on the Sonoma Coast. The deft baseline of toasted oak introduces hints of clove and baking spice to round out the perfectly balanced, lingering 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 and cutting edge tanks; these ensure only the highest quality berries are delivered to the cellar. They facilitate 24/7 monitoring of pumpovers and micro-adjustments made to each small-lot fermentation tank throughout the winemaking process.

## RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Every vintage and harvest presents a unique set of obstacles; however, vintage 2021 was a welcome change of pace. The season consisted of ideal grape growing conditions and was pleasantly uneventful—free of fires, earthquakes, and landslides. Spring brought cool weather, leading to a slow and gradual maturation of the vines, until the Summer heat arrived and carried us into a warm, quick harvest. Remnants of the previous year's drought conditions remained a factor, creating lighter yields and intense flavor profiles. Vintage 2021 is one of outstanding quality and balance.

BLEND: 100% Pinot Noir

**ALCOHOL:** 14.4% **PH:** 3.55

**TA:** 0.63 gms/100ml

**COOPERAGE:** Aged for 9 months

in 100% Burgundy French oak barrels;

30% new

CLONES: 777, 115, 667,

Martini

**HARVESTED:** Sept. 2 - Oct. 6, 2021

CASES: 3,006 (9L)

**PANTHERA:** [pan-ther--AH]

Scientific genus of

all large and powerful cats