

# LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

2021

## Lion Tamer Chimera Reserve Red Blend Napa Valley



### BORN BOLD

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

“The term “Chimera” has come to describe a mythical creature perceived as wildly imaginative, implausible or dazzling. With that in mind, I selected varieties that might not normally be blended together to create this wine. Aromas of sun-warmed blackberries and hints of baking spices are present on the nose. Silky tannins upon entry are enhanced by bold black fruit flavors that deliver a full-bodied, plush 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 they come from. 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

Vintage 2021 delivered superb results. Spring was marked by occasional rains, which brought welcome soil saturation, and cooler temperatures, allowing fruit to mature at a steady pace. Summer helped the grapevines ripen completely and conditions continued to be almost ideal throughout August and September. The warm days and cool nights of the fall season allowed gradual sugar accumulation and longer hang times, promising fruit of the highest quality with structural beauty. With a slightly later harvest and a smaller crop yield, fruit was picked at its peak, for a small yet mighty vintage promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

**BLEND:** 53% Malbec  
22% Petite Sirah  
12% Syrah  
8% Merlot  
3% Zinfandel  
2% Petit Verdot

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**PH:** 3.8

**TA:** 0.61 gms/100ml

**COOPERAGE:** Aged in 30% new French oak for 20 months

**HARVESTED:** Sept. 16 - Oct. 18, 2021

Lions Head Collection is a Certified California Sustainable Winery

