

LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

2022

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, Senior Winemaker

TECHNOLOGY AND WINEMAKING

Our Lions Head Cellar houses some of the most advanced 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 2022 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time fall was kicking off a heat wave came, through around Labor Day weekend, then shifted back to temperate conditions. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intensely lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a very welcomed cool ending to the fall season. The extreme fall weather created interesting conditions for our fruit to steady and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment to make a beautifully balanced wine. Vintage 2022 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.

BLEND: 66% Malbec
13% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Petite Sirah
6% Petit Verdot
2% Syrah

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

PH: 3.66

TA: 0.62 gms/100ml

RS: 0.09 gms/100ml

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

HARVESTED: Sept. 8 - 28, 2022

Lions Head Collection is a Certified California Sustainable Winery

