

LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

2023

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” evokes a mythical creature—wildly imaginative, dazzling, and seemingly improbable. Inspired by that spirit, I chose to blend varieties not typically found together, crafting a wine that's both unexpected and harmonious.

Deeply hued with an inky black core, the wine opens with rich aromas of molasses, warm blackberries, and ripe raspberries. Accents of cinnamon and clove lend a comforting spice. On the palate, it makes a broad, generous entry, supported by firm, well-integrated tannins. Concentrated dark fruit flavors lead the way, unfolding with depth, warmth, and a long, satisfying 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

The 2023 vintage was marked by one of the longest growing seasons in over a decade. Abundant winter rains replenished reservoirs and deeply saturated the soils, providing vines with essential hydration as they emerged from dormancy. Mild spring and summer temperatures, coupled with steady sunshine, created ideal conditions for slow, even ripening. This extended hang time allowed grapes to develop deep, vibrant flavors with remarkable balance and complexity.

BLEND:	55% Malbec 20% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petit Verdot 5% Petite Sirah 5% Syrah 5% Zinfandel
ALCOHOL:	14.9%
PH:	3.73
TA:	0.62 gms/100ml
RS:	0.457 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 30% new French oak for 20 months
HARVESTED:	Oct. 6 - 30, 2023

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