

LIONS HEAD

LUXURY COLLECTION

2022 PANTHERA CHARDONNAY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



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 Chardonnay showcases the dynamism and energy of the Russian River Valley as this wine displays both a vibrant aspect of fruit and a confident oak profile. Aromas of Asian pear and bright stone fruit followed by juicy layers of lemon curd developed from malolactic fermentation and vanilla from the barrel fermentation with a flinty finish. A baseline of toasted oak introduces hints of crème brûlée, which are complemented by a signature backbone of acidity nurtured on the Sonoma Coast.”

—Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF WINEMAKING

The Lions Head Cellar is home to a progressive winemaking approach, which allows our team to focus on developing distinctly exceptional wines. Each harvest, an optical sorter ensures that only the highest quality berries are selected. Smaller fermentation tanks, enabled with 24/7 monitoring, allow for quick adjustments to be made easily throughout the winemaking process.

RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Vintage 2022 brought heavy rains all winter long, leading to a mild and moderate springtime. Summer was ideal, allowing fruit to ripen slowly throughout August. At the onset of autumn, warm days and cool nights allowed sugars to accumulate gradually, promising fruit of the highest quality with structural beauty. By harvest time, the long, hot days of September resulted in deliciously intense, concentrated flavors.

BLEND:	100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL:	14.2%
PH:	3.5
TA:	0.58 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 35% New French oak barrels for 18 months
HARVESTED:	Sept. 12, 2022
PANTHERA:	[pan-ther--AH] Scientific genus of all large and powerful cats

Lions Head Collection is a Certified California Sustainable Winery

