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Alcohol :14,80 %

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

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California, USA

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As fifth generation Hess family, Tim and Sabrina Persson maintain Donald Hess' founding commitment to craft world-renowned wines. They continually pursue innovation with the Hess winemaking team to develop complex wines that reflect a true sense of place.

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The Lion has been the emblem of the Hess family for generations, and the Lions Head Collection of wines pays homage to the family emblem, as well as represents the new generation of the Hess Family's vision to craft wines of distinction.

"The word Panthera is believed to be of East Asian origin, meaning 'the yellowish animal' or golden-yellow. As a reflection of this moniker, we have crafted a striking golden-yellow Chardonnay that is opulent in style and beautifully textured. Rich and creamy upon entry with notes of lemon curd, crème brûlée and candied lemon peel, this wine presents beautiful layers of stone fruit."

Unctuous but focused, Panthera Chardonnay offers notes of buttered French toast and hints of well-integrated smoky oak that persist through a satisfying, long finish."



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Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2017)

This is the second vintage of this wine. Fruit comes primarily from Dutton vineyard. The 2017 Chardonnay Panthera charges out of the gate with energetic white peach, lime leaves, fresh apricots and lemongrass scents with wafts of honeycomb and nutmeg. Full-bodied, rich and seductive in the mouth, it has an enticing oiliness to the texture and plenty of racy freshness to balance, finishing long and savory.



Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 90 Points (2017)

Voluptuous and oaky, this robust, richly layered wine offers dense flavors of graham cracker, caramel and pineapple. Lush on the palate, it has charm and body to spare, delivering full-bodied vanilla and nutmeg on the finish



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2016)

The 2016 Chardonnay Panthera saw 100% malolactic fermentation and was barrel fermented and aged. It reveals pronounced butterscotch, crème brûlée and marzipan notes with a core of guava, warm apricots and honeydew melon. Full-bodied with a rich, satiny frame, it coats the palate with stone fruit and savory/nutty layers, finishing with great length. 2,729 cases produced.

