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Hess Lion Tamer Red Blend is a bold and complex red wine from Napa Valley, California. It is known for its tamed tannins and rich, fruity profile.

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Head Estate Lion Tamer Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

This wine comes from **Napa Valley**, a renowned wine region known for its high-quality wines. The vineyards benefit from an ideal climate with hot summers and cool autumns, allowing optimal ripening of the grapes. The diverse soils, ranging from rich alluvial to volcanic soils, contribute to the complexity and depth of the wine.

Winemaking

The Lion Tamer Red Blend consists of 47% Malbec, 24% Zinfandel, 19% Petite Sirah, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot, and 1% Carignan. The grapes are hand-harvested. The wine is aged for **22 months in French oak barrels**, 40% of which are new, adding subtle toasted oak and vanilla nuances to the wine's profile.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep red with purple highlights.
- **Aroma**: Intense aromas of black plum and blackcurrant, with subtle notes of cocoa and vanilla.
- **Palate**: The palate is rich and velvety, with concentrated flavors of black fruits (plum, blackcurrant), enveloped by supple, well-integrated tannins. Toasted oak and dark chocolate notes add complexity, and the finish is long and elegant, with a touch of sweetness from the Malbec.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- Grilled ribeye steak with pepper sauce
- Lamb stew with Provençal herbs
- Aged cheeses like aged Gouda or blue cheese
- Dark chocolate with cocoa nibs

Alcohol :14,80 %

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Fun Fact

The name "Lion Tamer" has become the nickname for Malbec within the cellar, as this grape is used to soften the powerful tannins of the other varieties, making the wine more harmonious and pleasant on the palate.

Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2019)

This year's blend is 47% Malbec, 24% Zinfandel, 19% Petit Syrah, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% each Petit Verdot and Carignan, making the 2019 Lion Tamer Red Blend one of Napa's more eclectic efforts. It offers bold cherry-berry fruit in a full-bodied, supple format. It doesn't have much structure, so enjoy it over the next several years, while the soft tannins on the finish still give it some support.

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 91 Points (2019)

A blend of 47% Malbec, 24% Zinfandel, 19% Petite Sirah, and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Carignan, the 2019 Red Blend Lion Tamer sports a healthy ruby hue to go with juicy, fruit-forward notes of blueberries, strawberries, violets, and spice. Ready to go, medium to full-bodied, silky, and pure, it almost reminds me of a great Côtes du Rhône, strangely enough. It's not something to age, but the balance is spot on, it has terrific purity, and it's just a delicious, high-quality red to drink over the coming couple of years.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 90 Points (2019)

Combining Malbec, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and pinches of Petit Verdot and Carignan, this is a rich and densely packed red that is supple on the palate in integrated tannin. Dark plum, vanilla, cherry cola and toasted oak give it a crowd-pleasing approachability.