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VINEYARDS & WINES

2015 J. LOHR *GESTURE* GSM PASO ROBLES

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Paso Robles AVA,
San Luis Obispo County, CA

COMPOSITION: 75% Grenache, 22% Syrah and
3% Mourvèdre

HARVEST DATE: Grenache was picked upon flavor
development and softening of acidity on October
26th, 2015

HARVEST PROCESS: Hand-harvested fruit was
destemmed and berry-sorted before a 23% saignée
and fermentation

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES: Brix 26.0°, total
acidity .64 g/100ml, pH 3.55

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: Australian selection, Maurivin Platinum

FERMENTATION: Fermented in open-top
fermenters, with light punchdowns daily

TEMPERATURE: Three day cold soak followed by
a moderate 88°F fermentation temperature

MACERATION: 7 days on skins prior to pressing

MALOLACTIC: 100% malolactic, V. Oeno strain
in puncheons

MATURATION: 14 months in puncheons

BARREL TYPE: 500 liter French oak puncheons
from Francois Frères, 25% new

BOTTLE AGING: Released 4 months after bottling

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

PH: 3.63

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.56 g/100ml

ALCOHOL: 15.3% by volume

RES. SUGAR: 0.09 g/100ml (dry)

CELLARING: Enjoy the best fruit expression within
3 years.

CASES PRODUCED: 626 cases

VINTAGE

Paso Robles saw a fourth consecutive year of low winter rainfall in 2015. The dry conditions experienced locally mirrored the extreme climatic trends witnessed across the entire state of California. Budbreak at this particular vineyard site was the first week of April, which is a week or two later than the majority of our ranches in Paso Robles. Good growing conditions in April brought rapid shoot growth but were followed by an unusually cold period in early May that slowed development prior to bloom. We placed shade cloth over the fruit zone on the Grenache block in early August, at the onset of veraison, with the goal of enhancing fruit color by mitigating direct sun on this heat sensitive variety. Our unique vineyard site produces Grenache with a beautiful fresh fruit character that defines the *Gesture* GSM.

VINEYARD

The vineyard source for the Grenache and Mourvèdre in this blend is our Gean Ranch, which is the westernmost vineyard in the entire Paso Robles AVA. This planting, located in the Adelaida District, was established in 2009 and now produces wines of the balance and intensity required for our *Gesture* program. Our farming plan brings the crop to one cluster per shoot prior to veraison, and in order to intensify flavor, these large-clustered varieties require trimming off the wings and the lower third of the clusters as well. The Syrah component for this blend is grown at the Terra Bella Vineyard, also located within the Adelaida District at an elevation of 1,800 feet.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Intense strawberry and candied fruit aromas dominate, while integrated notes of fennel bulb and nutmeg are remnants of aging in classic French oak puncheons. Light and inviting on the palate, with a fresh berry sorbet finish.

—Steve Peck, red winemaker

FOOD PAIRINGS

Pairs well with grilled meats or fish seasoned with traditional Herbes de Provence. Try with spicy crab cakes or vegetable stew.



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