



# J. LOHR

VINEYARDS & WINES

## 2016 J. LOHR *GESTURE* SYRAH PASO ROBLES

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**HARVEST DATES:** G2 on September 26th and Terra  
Bella on October 8th

**HARVEST PROCESS:** Hand harvested to half-ton  
bins, destemmed and berry sorted on the Pellenc  
Select system

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES:** Brix 29.8°, total acidity  
0.68 g/100ml, pH 3.71

**VINIFICATION:**

**YEAST:** Maurivin Platinum

**FERMENTATION:** Destemmed and fermented  
whole berry in open-top tank with light  
punchdowns

**TEMPERATURE:** Cold soaked overnight, then  
fermented to 90°F peak temperature

**MACERATION:** Just 5 days on skins for  
soft tannins

**MALOLACTIC:** 100% with Viniflora Oenos  
in puncheons

**MATURATION:** 15 months barrel aging

**BARREL TYPE:** 60 gallon French oak barrels

**COOPERS:** Cadus and François Frères

**BOTTLE AGING:** Released 3 months after bottling

**BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:**

**PH:** 3.54

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.65 g/100ml

**ALCOHOL:** 15.3% by volume

**RES. SUGAR:** 0.07 g/100ml

**CELLARING:** Richest fruit within the first 5 years;  
maturing tannins to 8 years of bottle age.

**CASES PRODUCED:** 1,019 cases

### VINTAGE

Generous rains returned to Paso Robles in 2016 with the *Gesture* Syrah blocks receiving over 22 inches of precipitation prior to budbreak. We saw above average heat summation through the spring which supported healthy vine growth, followed by moderate summer temperatures leading into veraison. Syrah is prone to early sugar accumulation and we saw daily temperatures seesaw between the mid 80s to over 100 degrees, over several 5-day periods in late September and early October. We made each of our two picking decisions to coincide with the cool cycle between heat spikes to best preserve the fresh fruit character of these blocks.

### VINEYARD

The two vineyard sources for the 2016 *Gesture* Syrah are the Terra Bella vineyard and the G2 vineyard. The Terra Bella planting is in the Adelaida district on an east facing slope at an 1,800 foot elevation. The G2 vineyard is a property in the middle of the Willow Creek District that we have worked with for over a decade. The calcareous soils and steep slopes on these properties are ideal for producing intensely concentrated flavors in our favorite Syrah clone, 877.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*The 2016 J. Lohr Gesture Syrah shows aromas of fresh red fruit and blueberry with a palate of bright cranberry, mineral and chalk.*

—Steve Peck, red winemaker

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Pan-seared ribeye steak with ratatouille.



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