



# J. LOHR

VINEYARDS & WINES

## 2018 J. LOHR *GESTURE* SYRAH PASO ROBLES

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**APELLATION:** Paso Robles Adelaida District AVA,  
San Luis Obispo County, CA

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**HARVEST DATE:** October 18, 2018

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

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES:** Brix 26.7°, total acidity  
0.60 g/100ml, pH 3.69

**VINIFICATION:**

**YEAST:** Rhone 4600 strain

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

**TEMPERATURE:** Cold soaked overnight, then  
fermented to 85°F peak temperature

**MACERATION:** Just 7 days on skins to balance  
color and tannin extraction

**MALOLACTIC:** 100%, Viniflora CH-16

**MATURATION:** 16 months barrel aging

**BARREL TYPE:** 60 gallon French oak barrels,  
18% new

**COOPERS:** Cadus and Dargaud & Jaegle

**BOTTLE AGING:** Released 6 months after bottling

**BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:**

**PH:** 3.63

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.62 g/100ml

**ALCOHOL:** 15.5% by volume

**RES. SUGAR:** 0.05 g/100ml

**CELLARING:** Richest fruit within the first 3 years;  
maturing tannins to 10 years beyond vintage.

**CASES PRODUCED:** 300 cases

### VINTAGE

2018 was one of those “Miracle March” vintages where, just as we had resigned ourselves to another year of drought in Paso Robles, Mother Nature provided a series of storms that brought the majority of the seasonal rainfall within just a short few weeks. This timing coincided with the end of winter dormancy and the onset of rapid springtime growth, generating healthy vine canopies at well-known Terra Bella Vineyard. A moderate vintage in terms of overall heat accumulation from summer to autumn, we selected the late ripening block 4 for this year’s *Gesture* bottling.

### VINEYARD

The 2018 *Gesture* Syrah was grown in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles at Terra Bella Vineyard. Block 4 is planted on a south-facing slope at 1,750 foot elevation, and is a field blend of inky-dark clone 877 Syrah and the aromatic Syrah Noir selection.

### WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS

*The 2018 J. Lohr Gesture Syrah leads with aromas of anise, blueberry, and sandalwood. Fruit notes of lingonberry and dried cherry emerge on the palate, followed by pleasing astringency on the finish.*

—Brenden Wood, red winemaker

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Tri-tip steak and classic ratatouille.



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