



# J. LOHR

VINEYARDS & WINES

## 2017 J. LOHR *GESTURE* RVG

PASO ROBLES

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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

**COMPOSITION:** *49% Roussanne, 37% Grenache  
Blanc, 14% Viognier*

**HARVEST DATES:** *September 6 - October 31, 2017*

**HARVEST PROCESS:** *Hand picked in the early  
morning, whole cluster pressed to taste*

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - ROUSSANNE:**

*Brix 24.6°, pH 4.41, total acidity 0.21 g/100ml*

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - VIOGNIER:**

*Brix 25.3°, pH 3.85, total acidity 0.40 g/100ml*

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - GRENACHE BLANC:**

*Brix 25.6°, pH 3.78, total acidity 0.31 g/100ml*

**VINIFICATION:**

**YEAST:** *Rhone 4600, VL2, and Frootzen*

**FERMENTATION:** *Cool fermentation in acacia and  
French puncheons, neutral French oak, and poly  
tank for an average of 14 days*

**MATURATION:** *7 months in acacia, French  
puncheons, French oak barrels, and poly tank*

**BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:**

**PH:** *3.53*

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** *0.59 g/100ml*

**ALCOHOL:** *13.9% by volume*

**RES. SUGAR:** *0.35 g/100ml*

**CELLARING:** *This wine is enjoyable now and will  
age gracefully through 2023*

**CASES PRODUCED:** *541 cases*

### VINTAGE

The early days of the 2017 vintage in western Paso Robles were moderate compared with recent vintages - mostly cool throughout the season with a few warm spells to ripen the fruit. For the first time since its inception, there was no spring frost in the vineyard. The temperatures of this quite coastal vineyard were ideal for retaining fresh flavors and acidity. Given that the soils hold water very well, minimal irrigation was applied during most of the growing season until the warmth of early September. Roussanne and Grenache Blanc were harvested in multiple passes to ensure uniformity of ripeness with each successive pick. Harvest began on September 6th with the Viognier and continued for another 55 days until the last of the Roussanne and Grenache Blanc were picked. The resulting wine is a blend of 5 specific wines chosen from several subtle picks. The 2017 J. Lohr *Gesture* RVG beautifully reflects the creative efforts of both the vineyard and winemaking teams, with an elegantly complex, yet subtle Rhône white blend.

### VINEYARD

The grapes for the *Gesture* RVG are sourced from our Gean Vineyard in the Adelaida District of western Paso Robles. The Gean Vineyard, planted in 2010, is the western-most vineyard in the Paso Robles AVA. With a climate nearly identical to that of the Northern Rhône, combined with well-drained soils of calcareous shale and weathered sandstone, this vineyard's terroir is a perfect match for growing Roussanne, Viognier and Grenache Blanc. The warm days with southern and western exposures on this hillside vineyard help to naturally develop ripe, lush flavors, while the cool nights allow for hangtime, giving the wines power and depth.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*The 2017 J. Lohr Gesture RVG presents youthful pale yellow and green hues. The delicate nose offers aromas of Meyer lemon, honeysuckle, daffodil, and pear. These flavors expand on the palate with ripe white peach, tangerine, and ripe apple, with a balanced texture and long finish.*

—Kristen Barnhisel, winemaker, white wines

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Arugula salad with fennel and citrus vinaigrette, roasted halibut with lemon tarragon butter sauce, toro sushi, or soft cheeses such as herbed Boursin, goat cheese, or Havarti.



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