



J. LOHR

CUVÉE SERIES

2022 J. LOHR CUVÉE PAU PASO ROBLES

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION (BLEND): 71% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Cabernet Franc

HARVEST DATES: October 13, 2022 for Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST PROCESS: Hand-harvested to half-ton bins, destemmed and crushed with the Pellenc Extractiv system

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES: 26.6° Brix, Total Acidity 0.55 g/100ml, pH 3.61

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: Pinnacle Fructo Select

FERMENTATION: 12-ton open-top tank

TEMPERATURE: Peak of 90°F

MACERATION: 11 days on skins

MALOLACTIC: 100% malolactic fermentation

MATURATION: 18 months in French oaks barrels

BARREL TYPE: Bordeaux Export, 63% new wood

FORESTS: Center of France

COOPERS: Marcel Cadet

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

pH: 3.65

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.62 g/100ml

ALCOHOL: 15.2% by volume

R.S.: 0.08 g/100ml (dry)

CELLARING: Fruit driven at release, with a structure that should show its best from 2028 - 2033.

CASES PRODUCED: 438 cases produced

The inspiration for this blend comes from the Grand Cru wines of the Pauillac district of Bordeaux - traditionally composed of primarily Cabernet Sauvignon, with accents of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, or Petit Verdot. Our J. Lohr winemaking team is given the freedom to emulate these great wines without the restrictions of varietal percentages, instead keenly focusing on the texture and complexity of the blend that nature delivers with each vintage.

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

Overall, rainfall totals for the 2022 vintage in Paso Robles were low, just 65% of the 25-year historical average. Weather was quite cool during budbreak in the month of April, with a few nights briefly dipping below freezing. However, plenty of warm, sunny days followed from springtime through completion of veraison in early August. August 31st marked the beginning of an unprecedented heat wave throughout most of California, accelerating berry ripeness. Thankfully, unusually cool, cloudy weather and a little bit of drizzle arrived in mid-September, bringing relief to parched grapevines. Cabernet Sauvignon for this blend was hand-picked on October 13th from our J. Lohr Rain Catcher Vineyard in the Adelaida District; it is the westernmost winegrowing estate in Paso Robles. The addition of Cabernet Franc to the cuvée brings freshness, blue fruit, and savory notes.

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

"Raspberry jam and pure cassis aromas layer impeccably with toasted pastry, baking spice, and traces of spearmint and graphite. Opulent blackberry fruit flavors leads to a mouthwatering mid-palate and notes of violet, anise, and cola on the lengthy finish."

—Brenden Wood, red winemaker and Steve Peck, vp winemaking

FOOD PAIRING

Delicious with your favorite slow cooker pot roast recipe. Or try a lentil and vegetable stew for a vegetarian option.

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

An ultra-refined Bordeaux-style blend with rich black fruit and pure cassis notes.



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