



“The 2023 J. Lohr Gesture GSM showcases luscious strawberry and currant aromas from Grenache balanced with blackberry, cola and pepper from Syrah. A tiny addition of Mourvèdre imparts subtle savory notes. On the palate, Bing cherry and cranberry flavors transition to an old-world gravelly finish.”

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

2023 J. LOHR *GESTURE* GSM

PASO ROBLES ADELAIDA DISTRICT

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

The J. Lohr Stairway Vineyard is located in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles. Slopes can be as much as 50% to 75% at this unique ranch. This part of Paso Robles is an ancient uplifted seabed so fossilized, seashells are often found in the ground, even though the vineyard is perched at 1,500 foot average elevation. Daytime high temperatures are moderate at this site due to early afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific coast, just 13 miles away.

Paso Robles experienced record winter rainfall from December 2022 to March 2023. Rain totals for the season were nearly double the 30-year average. Colder weather persisted through much of the growing season. Veraison occurred during the second and third weeks of August, about two weeks behind schedule. Thankfully, near perfect warm weather continued through October and November. Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre were hand-picked from Stairway in early November. 87% of Grenache for this blend was destemmed and whole- berry sorted into a small, 10-ton open-top tank. The remaining 13% was included as whole clusters. The fruit was cold-soaked for 3 days, then fermented on skins for 8 days prior to pressing.

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION: 84% Grenache, 15% Syrah, and 1% Mourvèdre

MATURATION: 8 months in neutral French oak puncheons

CHEMISTRIES: pH: 3.52; TA: 0.59 g/100mL; Alc: 15.9%; RS: 0.04 g/100mL (dry)

PRODUCTION: 501 cases produced

FOOD PAIRING & CELLARING

This blend complements a variety of dishes, from an onion tart to grilled lamb, spicy crab cakes, or a savory vegetable stew. Enjoy generous fruit expression within 3 years or look for Old World sophistication near a decade from the vintage date.



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