



J. LOHR

CUVÉE SERIES

2021 J. LOHR CUVÉE PAU PASO ROBLES

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION (BLEND): 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot

HARVEST DATES: October 20th, 2021 for Cabernet Sauvignon

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

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES: 29.2° Brix, TA 0.63 g/100ml, pH 3.41

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: ICV D254

FERMENTATION: 12-ton open-top, stainless steel tank

TEMPERATURE: Peak of 92°F

MACERATION: 9 day on the skins

MALOLACTIC: 100% malolactic fermentation

MATURATION: 22 months in oak barrels

BARREL TYPE: Bordeaux Export, 66% new

FORESTS: Center of France

COOPERS: Marcel Cadet

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

pH: 3.54

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.63 g/100ml

ALCOHOL: 15.1% by volume

R.S.: 0.04 g/100ml (dry)

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

CASES PRODUCED: 377 cases

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 other noble red varieties. 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

The 2021 vintage delivered unparalleled quality to the Paso Robles region. We received generous pre-season rainfall in January 2021, but an especially dry late winter and spring followed. The dry conditions forced the vines to produce small but concentrated berries, typical of drought years in Paso Robles. Happily, consistent mild daytime temperatures paired with cool nights kept berries fresh and allowed Paso Robles winegrowers the luxury of patience to harvest grapes at optimal ripeness. As a result, extractable anthocyanin content from red grapes in Paso Robles reached an all-time high in 2021, with resulting wines handily eclipsing color density levels of the acclaimed 2007, 2013, and 2019 vintages.

Cabernet Sauvignon for this blend was hand-picked on October 20th from the steep, chalky slopes of our J. Lohr Stairway Vineyard in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles. Cabernet Franc (25%) was added to the final blend to bring freshness and blue fruit, while a small addition of Merlot contributed lively raspberry and currant elements.

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

"Aromas of cassis and Morello cherry are layered with espresso, cracked pepper, and almond pastry. The palate is nicely balanced with ultra-fine tannins and a juicy yet elegant finish."

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

FOOD PAIRING

Delicious with grilled rosemary lamb chops, garlic mashed potatoes, and roasted beets.

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

A refined, Cabernet Sauvignon-based Bordeaux-style blend with rich black fruit and pure cassis notes.



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