

HARVEST

September 16 and October 10, 2021

CÉPAGE

100% Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles Adelaida District

PRODUCTION

2,068 three-bottle cases

Source & Cellar

The remarkable J. Lohr Stairway Vineyard sits at the boundary of the Adelaida and Willow Creek Districts in the western portion of the Paso Robles AVA. Stairway was geologically formed from an ancient, uplifted seabed; its steep terraces and lime-laden calcareous soils define it as one of the great vineyard sites of the region. Close proximity to the coast keeps the growing season temperatures at this site cooler than much of the rest of Paso Robles.

Hand-harvested grapes from Stairway were destemmed and berry-sorted, followed by a 15% saignée which brought concentration to the must prior to primary fermentation. An eleven-day maceration revealed luxurious color potential with ideal tannin extraction prior to pressing off the skins.

Produced in our small-lot winery in Paso Robles, the wine was aged 20 months in French oak barrels (90% new) from coopers Berger, Ermitage, Le Grange, Sylvain, and Taransaud.

WINEMAKERS' NOTES

"This 2021 J. Lohr Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is big in structure, with aromas of cassis and conifer forest and persistent ripe, red fruit flavors on the palate. Its long, layered finish is a result of its extended aging in the finest French oak cooperage."

- Brenden Wood, Red Winemaker and Steve Peck, VP Winemaking



