



J. LOHR

CUVÉE SERIES

2023 J. LOHR CUVÉE PAU PASO ROBLES



TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION (BLEND): 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot

HARVEST DATES: October 19th, 2023 for Cabernet Sauvignon

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

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES: 28.3° Brix, Total Acidity 0.71 g/100ml, pH 3.39

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: Pinnacle Fructo Select

FERMENTATION: 12-ton open top tanks, punchdowns three times daily and a peak délestage

TEMPERATURE: 90°F for 24 hours, followed by 85°F fermentation until finished

MACERATION: 7 days on skins

MALOLACTIC: 100% ML+

MATURATION: 19 months in French oak

BARREL TYPE: Bordeaux Export, 52% new

COOPERS: Berger, Dargaud et Jaegle, Marcel Cadet

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

pH: 3.56

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.63 g/100mL

ALCOHOL: 15.5% by volume

R.S.: 0.061 g/100mL (dry)

CELLARING: Fruit-driven at release, with a structure that should show it's best from 2030 - 2035.

CASES PRODUCED: 1,221 6-bottle cases

The inspiration for this blend comes from the Grand Cru wines of France's left bank Pauillac district, which are composed primarily from Cabernet Sauvignon, often with accents from the other four accepted Bordeaux red varieties. The 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

Paso Robles experienced record rainfall from December 2022 to March 2023; rain totals were nearly double the 30-year average. Cool weather persisted through much of the growing season, with cloudy skies prevailing until the end of June. Veraison occurred during the second and third weeks of August, about two weeks behind schedule. Near perfect warm weather settled in and continued through October and November. This allowed us to wait until late autumn to pick fruit with pristine quality and optimal maturity. Cabernet Sauvignon for this cuvée was handpicked from the extreme steep slopes of our J. Lohr Stairway Vineyard, located in the Adelaida District of western Paso Robles.

The addition of 14% Cabernet Franc brings freshness and savory tones, while a small amount of Petit Verdot adds blue fruit notes and structure to this Pauillac-inspired blend.

WINEMAKERS' COMMENTS

"Raspberry jam and cassis aromas layer with toasted pastry, baking spice, and traces of spearmint and graphite on the nose. Opulent blackberry fruit 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

Superb with your favorite slow cooker pot roast recipe or with lentil and vegetable stew for a vegetarian option.

WINE LIST DESCRIPTION

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



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