

# 2016 J. LOHR SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

J. Lohr Signature Cabernet Sauvignon was first produced to honor the 80th birthday of founder Jerry Lohr. This limited release was specially selected and blended from the exceptional 2016 vintage in Paso Robles. It is both a tribute to Jerry's pioneering efforts in the region and our red wine portfolio's ultimate expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

### HARVEST DATES

October 12th, 2016 for the Cabernet Sauvignon

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON 80%

Beck Vineyard – Creston District, Paso Robles

Clone 337 on 110R rootstock

Cabernet Franc 6% Saint Macaire 6% Petit Verdot 4% Malbec 4%

# **VINEYARDS & CELLAR**

Beck Vineyard, in the Creston District of Paso Robles, is a unique, high elevation site that sits at 1,700 feet above the early morning fog line. Its calcareous soils and cooling afternoon winds are perfect for growing Cabernet Sauvignon. The Cabernet from this vineyard ripens early with excellent color, purity of fruit, and phenolic maturity. Incorporation of Cabernet Franc brings freshness to the blend, while the rare Bordeaux variety, Saint Macaire, brings density and a savory character. Petit Verdot and Malbec add structure, color, and a component of bright fruit.

The hand-harvested grapes were held separate at harvest and berry-sorted into six-ton open top tanks for fermentation. Maceration took place on the skins for five days, before early pressing to achieve ideal tannin extraction.

Aged 19 months in 100% new French oak from coopers Nadalie and Sylvain.

#### **PRODUCTION**

1,600 three-bottle cases, bottled June 2018