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VINEYARDS & WINES

2015 J. LOHR GESTURE RVG PASO ROBLES



TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION: *56% Roussanne, 27% Viognier,
17% Grenache Blanc*

HARVEST DATES: *September 18, October 2, and
October 26, 2015*

HARVEST PROCESS: *Hand picked in the early
morning, whole cluster pressed to taste*

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - ROUSSANNE: *Brix
23.6°, total acidity 0.50 g/100ml, 4.18 pH*

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - VIOGNIER: *Brix
27.5°, total acidity 0.61 g/100ml, 4.05 pH*

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES - GRENACHE BLANC:
Brix 21.9°, total acidity 0.57 g/100ml, 3.70 pH

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: *Rhône 4600, VL2, and Frootzen*

FERMENTATION: *In barrel for average of 18 days*

MATURATION: *In French oak, acacia, and
Hungarian oak barrels for 5 months*

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

PH: *3.43*

TOTAL ACIDITY: *0.62 g/100ml*

ALCOHOL: *13.72% by volume*

RES. SUGAR: *0.2 g/100ml*

CELLARING: *This wine is enjoyable now and will
age gracefully through 2021.*

CASES PRODUCED: *178 cases*

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage in western Paso Robles was warm but tempered by the location and its proximity to the ocean. Although it was also another drought year, our Gean vineyard's location in extreme western Paso Robles still received significant winter rainfall in 2015. Additionally, given that the soils hold water very well, minimal irrigation was applied during the warm growing season. Roussanne is definitely the most finicky of the three Rhône white varieties, requiring multiple picking passes over different days to ensure uniformity of ripeness with each successive harvest. Harvest began on September 18th with the Viognier and continued for another 38 days with the other varietals until the last of the Roussanne and Grenache Blanc were picked. The resulting wine is a blend of 3 specific wines chosen from several subtle picks, and even co-fermented for added complexity. The 2015 J. Lohr Gesture RVG beautifully reflects the creative efforts of both the vineyard and winemaking teams with an elegantly complex, yet subtle, Rhône white blend!

VINEYARD

The grapes for the Gesture RVG are sourced from our Gean Vineyard in the Adelaida District of western Paso Robles. The Gean Vineyard, planted in 2010, is the western-most vineyard in the Paso Robles AVA. With a climate nearly identical to that of the Northern Rhône, combined with well-drained soils of calcareous shale and weathered sandstone, this vineyard's terroir is a perfect match for growing Roussanne, Viognier and Grenache Blanc. The warm days with southern and western exposures on this hillside vineyard help to naturally develop ripe, lush flavors, while the cool nights allow for hangtime, giving the wines power and depth.

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The 2015 J. Lohr Gesture RVG presents youthful pale yellow and green hues. The delicate nose offers aromas of honeysuckle, white peach, nectarine, and sweet pea greens. These flavors expand on the palate with tangerine, nectarine, fresh minerality, smooth texture and a long finish.

—Kristen Barnhisel, winemaker, white wines

FOOD PAIRINGS

Citrus salad with fennel and arugula, roasted halibut with lemon tarragon butter sauce, toro sushi, or with dried fruits, nuts and cheeses.

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