



# J. LOHR

VINEYARDS & WINES

## 2015 J. LOHR *GESTURE* SYRAH PASO ROBLES

### TECHNICAL NOTES

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

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**HARVEST DATES:** Terra Bella on September 5th and  
Gean Ranch on September 28th, 2015

**HARVEST PROCESS:** Hand-harvested to half-ton  
bins, destemmed and berry sorted on the Pellenc  
Select system

**HARVEST CHEMISTRIES:** Brix 28.2°, total acidity  
.7 g/100ml, pH 3.55

**VINIFICATION:**

**YEAST:** Maurivin Platinum and ICV D-80

**FERMENTATION:** Destemmed and fermented  
whole berry in open-top tank with light punchdowns

**TEMPERATURE:** Cold soaked for 3 days at 55°F,  
fermented to 90°F peak temperature

**MACERATION:** 7 days on skins

**MALOLACTIC:** 100% with Viniflora Oenos in  
punchcons

**MATURATION:** 16 months in French oak  
punchcons

**BARREL TYPE:** 500 liter French punchcons,  
33% new

**COOPERS:** Cadus and François Frères

**BOTTLE AGING:** Released 3 months after bottling

**BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:**

**PH:** 3.58

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 0.59 g/100ml

**ALCOHOL:** 15.6% by volume

**RES. SUGAR:** 0.1 g/100ml

**CELLARING:** Richest fruit within the first 5 years;  
maturing tannins to 8 years bottle age.

**CASES PRODUCED:** 449 cases

### VINTAGE

Paso Robles saw a fourth consecutive year of low winter rainfall in 2015. The dry conditions we experienced locally mirrored the extreme climatic trends witnessed across the entire state of California. Budbreak at this particular vineyard site was the first week of April, which is a week or two later than the majority of our ranches in Paso Robles. Good growing conditions in April brought rapid shoot growth, but were followed by an unusually cold period in early May. This coincided with bloom, resulting in a 50% reduction in crop on the two blocks that compose the 2015 *Gesture* Syrah.

### VINEYARD

Half of the grapes for our J. Lohr *Gesture* Syrah are grown at the J. Lohr Gean Ranch in the Adelaida District, and half at the Terra Bella Vineyard. The Gean Ranch was established in 2009, and is the westernmost vineyard in the entire Paso Robles AVA. It produces wines of the balance and intensity required for our *Gesture* program. Terra Bella, also located within the Adelaida District of the Paso Robles AVA, is at an elevation of nearly 1,800 feet. The extremely steep south-facing Block 6 has lime-shale soils and is planted to Syrah clone 877. Thinned to just one cluster per shoot, these blocks are prone to rapid sugar accumulation and intense flavor concentration.

### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

*The 2015 J. Lohr Gesture Syrah shows brambly blue fruit and plum aromas complemented by a touch of toasty cedar and char. Mineral and talc on the palate.*

—Steve Peck, red winemaker

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Pan-seared entrecôte (ribeye) steak with ratatouille.



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