2016 J. LOHR GESTURE GSM
PASO ROBLES

VINTAGE
Generous rainfall returned to Paso Robles in 2016, with our Gean Ranch receiving over 22 inches before the March 13th budbreak in the Grenache block. Above average heat summation through the spring supported healthy vine growth, and was followed by moderate summer temperatures leading into veraison. Grenache has a tendency to overcrop, and our vineyard crews brought the vines into balance by dropping crop to just under 4 tons per acre in early August. Daily temperatures seesawed between the 80s and the 100s over several 5 day periods in September, but had little impact on the late-ripening Grenache variety that peaked in flavor near the end of October.

VINEYARD
The vineyard source for this blend is our Gean Ranch, which is the westernmost vineyard in the entire Paso Robles AVA. This planting, located in the Adelaida district, was established in 2009 and is beginning to produce wines of the balance and intensity required for our Gesture program. Our farming plan brings the crop to one cluster per shoot prior to veraison, and in order to intensify flavor, these large-clustered varieties require trimming off the wings and the lower third of the clusters as well.

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS
Strawberry and pastry aromas are integrated with notes of baking spice and fennel root. Light and inviting on the palate, with a bit of old-world chalkiness on the finish.
—Steve Peck, red winemaker

FOOD PAIRINGS
A very adaptable wine for food pairing. Complements anything from an onion tart to grilled lamb, spicy crab cakes or a savory vegetable stew.