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2016 J. LOHR *GESTURE* ZINFANDEL

PASO ROBLES

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The bright, ripe red fruit character of the 2016 J. Lohr Gesture Zinfandel is reflective of the terroir of Paso Robles. Briary raspberry and dried cherry flavors are overlaid with baked blackberry and notes of hazelnut cream from French oak aging. This wine has a medium palate weight and leaves ripe fruit and tobacco on the finish.

—Steve Peck, red winemaker

VINEYARD

Our *Gesture* Zinfandel is a blend of fruit grown in the Paso Robles Willow Creek District, near the crossing of Highway 46 West & Vineyard Drive, and a 1,700 foot elevated calcareous site in the Creston district. Zinfandel can be difficult to ripen prior to the onset of October rain and frost in this coastal belt, where Spanish moss grows abundantly in the surrounding oak forests. In addition to the cool climate, this terroir is greatly defined by the Gazos Shaly Loam soil which is hardly soil at all, looking more like a solid rock formation at times. Fruit thinning in the vineyard is key to this program, both at veraison and prior to harvest, allowing us to select the best maturing bunches to give the wine optimal flavor balance.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Delicious with grilled flank steak and saffron rice.

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County, California

COMPOSITION (BLEND): 100% Zinfandel

MATURATION: 8 months in French oak barrels

CELLARING: Greatest fruit intensity in the first three years, but can be cellared for 8 to 10 years.

CASES PRODUCED: 262 cases

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