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2018 J. LOHR *GESTURE* GRENACHE BLANC PASO ROBLES

TECHNICAL NOTES

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

COMPOSITION: *100% Grenache Blanc*

HARVEST DATES: *October 15, 2018*

HARVEST PROCESS: *Hand harvested in the early
morning and whole cluster pressed to taste*

HARVEST CHEMISTRIES: *Average Brix 22.5°,
total acidity 0.41 g/100ml, pH 3.44*

VINIFICATION:

YEAST: *VL2 and Frootzen*

FERMENTATION: *In barrel and puncheon for an
average of 12 days*

MATURATION: *In neutral French and acacia
barrels and puncheons for 7 months*

BOTTLING CHEMISTRIES:

PH: *3.24*

TOTAL ACIDITY: *0.55 g/100ml*

ALCOHOL: *13.4% by volume*

RES. SUGAR: *0.07 g/100ml*

CELLARING: *Enjoyable now and will age well
through 2024.*

CASES PRODUCED: *225 cases*

VINTAGE

The early days of the 2018 vintage in western Paso Robles were moderate compared with recent vintages. Given that the soils hold water very well, minimal irrigation was applied during most of the 2018 growing season, until the heat of early September arrived. To optimize flavor development for this inaugural blend of Grenache Blanc, we harvested the block in two picks due to sun exposure. Even though the numbers were nearly identical for the two picks, noticeable differences in flavor and texture were found for each side of the vine. Hand harvesting of the grapes took place on October 15th, resulting in a refreshing, intriguing, and complex blend.

VINEYARD

The grapes for the *Gesture* Grenache Blanc are sourced from our Gean Vineyard in the Adelaida District of western Paso Robles. Planted in 2010, it is the westernmost 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, the terroir of this vineyard is a perfect match for growing 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

Pale yellow in color, the 2018 J. Lohr Gesture Grenache Blanc offers aromas of white rose, daffodil, and lemongrass. These aromas are complemented by the elegant, balanced palate of ripe green apple, lemon zest, Asian pear, smooth minerality, and a long, textured finish.

—Kristen Barnhisel, winemaker, white wines

FOOD PAIRINGS

Delicious with bouillabaisse, halibut with citrus and fennel, sardine lemongrass salad, dry Jack or goat cheese.



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