

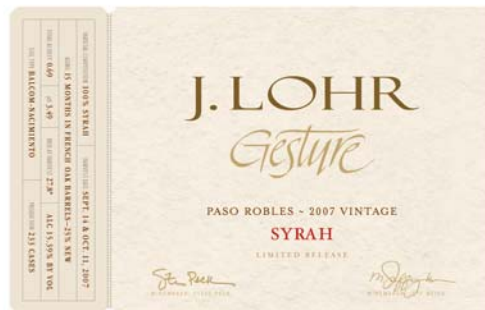
# J. LOHR

## *Gesture*

### 2007 J. LOHR *Gesture* Syrah, Paso Robles

#### VINTAGE

The 2007 vintage was largely defined by a shortage of winter rainfall which was just 40% of normal. This resulted in intense fruit with 10-20% lower yields than 2005 and 2006 in general. Seasonal summer heat spikes occurred earlier than normal, before the fruit had softened at veraison. The daily maximum temperature exceeded 100 degrees only three times between veraison and harvest at this vineyard, which preserved the fruit aromatics and soft tannins.



#### VINEYARDS

Terra Bella Vineyard is located at 1800 foot elevation within the Adelaida district of the Paso Robles AVA. Blocks 2 and 6 planted to Syrah clone 877 were the top performers for us and were used to create this wonderful wine. Terra Bella Vineyard has attracted a lot of attention from luxury winemakers since its development in 2001.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Origin:	Terra Bella Vineyard
Varietal:	100% Syrah
Brix at Harvest:	27.8° Brix Average
Total Acidity:	0.69 g/100 ml
pH at Bottling:	3.49
Alcohol:	15.39% by volume
Residual Sugar:	0.21 g/100ml
Vinification:	After destemming, the berries were sorted on our VB Mistral system. Cold soaked fruit was fermented in half ton bins with a gentle punch-down regime. Malolactic fermentation in barrel.
Maturation:	15 months barrel aging in French oak (25% new).
Bottling Date:	March 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, 235 cases produced.

#### WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

A truly top tier syrah is defined not just by dark fruit aroma and seductive oaky flavor, but also by an invitingly plush mouth feel. My earliest tasting notes taken during vintage identified this wine for its' dense flavors and soft voluminous palate. We nurtured the blend through aging with sequential movements from newer to older cooperage over time to limit and integrate oak components and to preserve freshness of fruit. My bet is that this wine will showcase its fruit best with 2 to 5 years of bottle age.

*Steve Peck, Red Winemaker*