

J. LOHR **2015 Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon**

Tasting Notes

"The 2015 J. Lohr Hilltop Cabernet Sauvignon has exceptional color intensity with a vibrant red hue. Ripe Cabernet varietal aromas of black plum, violet and tobacco are complemented by a touch of hazelnut and cocoa powder from the French oak barrel signature. A dense but approachable mid-palate is followed by intense and vibrant red fruit on the finish."

- *Steve Peck, Red Winemaker*

Technical Data

Varietal: 96% Cab. Sauv., 3% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot
Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.78
Acidity: 0.62 g/100ml
Region: Paso Robles

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Rated 94 & 5 stars, Beverage Dynamics, August 2018

"Winemaker Steve Peck shines again with his best Paso fruit. 95% cab, with just a touch of malbec and petite verdot, aged 18 months in French Oak. 'Dense but soft' is the new descriptor for the house style. Very structured, but fruit-forward with rich black fruit notes. Hints of dark chocolate and hazelnuts round out the presentation. Age this for the next 10 years — if you have the patience. Excellent food wine"

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Rated 91 & Editors Choice, Matt Kettmann, Wine Enthusiast, July 2018

"This wine is bursting in lavish aromas of blueberry, black currant and fudge that lead into a palate full of mouthcoating tannins and solid acidity. Blackberry, black plum and dried herb flavours complete the picture."

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Rated 91, David Lawrason, WineAlign, March 31, 2018

"The warm Paso Robles region delivers big cabs. Sourced from a mature 'Hilltop' vineyard on J. Lohr's home estate, this is a dark, deep, soft and rich cabernet with super-ripe black cherry/kirsch, chocolate, black hashish herbality. It is smooth to a point with considerable alcohol, bitter chocolate and herbs on the finish. The length is excellent."

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Rated 90, Natalie MacLean, September 15, 2018

"A tasty Cabernet that's aromatic offering notes of mocha, toasty oak and smoke on the nose of this red wine with a firm grip on the palate. Nice balance in this Californian Cabernet. The 2015 vintage was a strong one in this Californian of Paso Robles, a warm region. Lots of blackberry and dark chocolate notes on the finish. Smooth and full-bodied. Pair with a grilled meats."

Cabernet Sauvignon food pairings: hearty meat dishes with autumn veggies, rib eye steak on the barbie, meat lover's pizza."

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Rated 90, Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessment, September 15, 2018

"Extremely deep intense purple colour. Mature, spicy, intense, cedary, ripe plum-cherry nose with some sandalwood notes. Dry, medium-full bodied, well structured, spicy, cedary, intense, ripe plum-cherry flavours with a lingering, high acid, sandalwood finish. This well-made REPEAT blend..."

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Rated 90, Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, September 10, 2018

"This has a lifted nose of dark briary berry, oaky notes and peppery spice aromas. It envelops the palate with medium-plus bodied, generously textured surge of rich luscious black raspberry and black currant jelly intertwined with espresso roast, sweet vanilla, black licorice and dark, bittersweet chocolate galore. The lingering finish and aftertaste replay palate flavours with gusto. Pour with grilled back ribs, grilled striploin or beef fajitas."

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