



2016 J. Wilkes Lagrein

Paso Robles Highlands

Wine Specs

Vintage: **2016**

Varietal: **Lagrein**

Appellation: **Paso Robles Highlands**

Alcohol %: **13.5**

AROMATICS

Intoxicating, ripe, red and blackberry fruit, and cherry pie leaps from the glass. Framed by hints of bramble, sage and saline minerals. Similar in aroma to a Petite Sirah with those big, ripe berry aromas and tannins dense enough to smell.

PALATE

Old World entry / attack with complex and earthy tension, dense fruit, very layered in the mouth with fairly mind-boggling, playful complexity for a baby. This is like a 5-year-old child that can speak 3 languages already. Good, unevolved tannic grip promises long life for this wine, unevolved but brilliant. Non-filtered.

FOOD PAIRING

Grilled meats, barbecue, tri-tip, New York Strip or Wagyu Carpaccio with capers and shallots. Hard cheeses such as aged Cheddar, Mimolette or slightly crunchy Gouda. Lamb stew or Moroccan lamb would be a treat as well.

AGING

Drink or hold. Your choice. This is my first Lagrein, so I will admit a bit of ignorance, but I've had versions from this vineyard go ten years and still show some baby fat and intense mineral depth.