



## Longoria Earns High Praise from Burghound

*"I've said this before but Longoria is crafting some lovely wines that display a definite sense of place, particularly with the Fe Ciega vineyard." Allen Meadows*

### **2013 Pinot Noir – Bien Nacido Vineyard "Block N"**

**91 Points**

(Santa Maria Valley, 185 cases, 14.3%). Beautifully fresh and ripe red and blue pinot fruit aromas are liberally mixed with lovely spice and floral nuances. There is fine volume and a sleek mouth feel to the delicious medium-bodied flavors that possess solid mid-palate density, all wrapped in a dusty, sappy and ever-so-slightly warm finale where the supporting tannins are firm but not hard. This robust but not rustic effort should amply reward extended cellaring and is definitely worth a look, particularly if you're a fan of the Bien Nacido vineyard. 91/2021+

### **2013 Pinot Noir – La Encantada Vineyard**

**91 Points**

(Sta. Rita Hills, 100 cases, 14.1%). Here the expressive nose is even more elegant if a bit less complex with its cool and pure array of fresh red currant, raspberry and essence of cherry liqueur aromas. I very much like the sophisticated texture to the utterly delicious and caressing middle weight flavors that offer a bit more depth than the nose before concluding in a sappy and palate coating finale. This harmonious effort could already be enjoyed thanks to the exquisite balance though I would suggest giving this 5 years or so of bottle age first. 91/2019+

### **2013 Pinot Noir – Lovely Rita**

**92 Points**

(Sta. Rita Hills, 480 cases, 13.9%). This too is cool, pure and admirably complex with its pretty blend of various red berry scents with violet, sandalwood and tea nuances. Once again Longoria has succeeded in obtaining a refined mouth feel with the caressing and lively medium-bodied flavors that exhibit a dusty and beautifully complex finish that goes on and on. This firmly structured effort is simply terrific and offers sensational value for the money! Highly recommended for both value and quality. 92/2020+

### **2013 Pinot Noir – Sanford & Benedict Vineyard**

**93 Points**

(Sta. Rita Hills, 100 cases, 13.3%). Here the reserved and well-layered nose is much more deeply pitched with its array of plum, violet, underbrush and dark pinot fruit scents. There is excellent volume to the delicious and fleshy medium weight flavors that possess a suave, even lush mouth feel before culminating in a dusty, firm and lingering finish where a hint of bitter cherry appears. This is presently quite backward and will definitely need an extended stay in a cool cellar. In sum, this is first-rate but note that it will not make for especially good early drinking and thus I would recommend it only to those who have the patience to age it. 93/2023+

### **2012 Pinot Noir – Fe Ciega Vineyard**

**93 Points**

(Sta. Rita Hills, 360 cases, 14.3%). This is also notably restrained and a bit more deeply pitched still with its notes of earth, underbrush and humus adding breadth to the attractively spiced dark currant and plum scented-nose. There is again fine volume and mid-palate concentration to the delicious but quite serious medium weight plus flavors that coat the palate with dry extract while delivering excellent depth and length on the robust, bold and powerful finish. This is a classic Fe Ciega and like the 2013 Sanford & Benedict, I would recommend this only to those who possess the patience to hold it for future development as this is presently promising but very tightly wound. 93/2022+



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