



Vinous Media Praises New Longoria Releases

"I was quite impressed with the wines I tasted from Rick Longoria this year. With one exception, the 2014 Pinots are strong, especially for the year. Then again, Longoria is one of Santa Barbara's veterans and has by now seen pretty much everything. Longoria was among the producers who cite the heat wave during the Pinot harvest as having had a significant impact on the style of the wines. In addition to the Pinots, readers should be on the lookout for the 2013 Cabernet Franc, which is terrific." *From Santa Barbara: On the Road, Continued... by Antonio Galloni Sep 2016*

2014 Chardonnay Fe Ciega Vineyard

91 Points

The 2014 Chardonnay Fe Ciega Vineyard is soft, open-knit and highly expressive. Orchard fruit, lemon confit, white flowers and mint flesh out in a beautifully layered, supple Chardonnay endowed with lovely textural depth. A kick of freshness adds lift on the finish.

2014 Chardonnay Cuvée Diana

89 Points

Longoria's 2014 Chardonnay Cuvée Diana is bright, focused and nicely balanced. Candied lemon, baked apple, jasmine, pear and sweet floral notes are front and center. This fresh, supple Chardonnay is an excellent choice for near-term drinking. The Cuvée Diana is a blend of fruit from several top sources in Santa Barbara County.

2014 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega

93 Points

The 2014 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega, from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard, is another of the highlights in this lineup. Dark red and purplish-hued fruits, licorice, spice and new leather shape this voluptuous, racy Pinot. The Fe Ciega is another of the more extroverted, powerful wines in Rick Longoria's range this year.

2014 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

93 Points

One of the highlights in this range, the 2014 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard captures the essence of this site in its radiant, expansive fruit. Dark cherry, blueberry, violet, lavender and spice are fused together in a pliant, flamboyant wine endowed with real depth and tons of intensity. Not a shy wine, the 2014 could use another year or two to settle down.

2014 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita

92 Points

The 2014 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita is bright, focused and nicely delineated throughout. Sweet red cherry, plum, game and blood orange give the Lovely Rita its distinctive, slightly wild edge. The 2014 is predominantly estate fruit from Fe Ciega, with dollops of Arita Hills and Cloud. This is a very pretty, entry-level Pinot from Rick Longoria.

2014 Pinot Noir La Encantada

92 Points

The 2014 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is an attractive, fruit-driven wine. Sweet raspberry, strawberry, citrus and spice notes give the Encantada much of its gracious, feminine personality. Gracious and open-knit for a young Pinot, the 2014 will drink well upon release. Chalky undertones give the finish grip and persistence. This is one of the more understated wines in the range.

2014 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Block N

88 Points

The 2014 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N is a solid wine, but it lacks the mid-palate depth of the best Pinots in the lineup, while the alcohol appears a bit elevated for the wine's mid-weight structure. Crushed flowers, dried cherries, blood orange, rose petal, hard candy and mint gradually make an appearance in a wine that never seems to fully come together in the glass.

2013 Cabernet Franc

93 Points

Another highlight in this range, the 2013 Cabernet Franc, is deep, exotic and positively explosive. Dark cherry, raspberry jam, mocha and spice give the wine much of its voluptuous, bold personality. The natural richness of the vintage along with the quality of this fruit from Alisos and Camp 4 result in a compelling, dense wine that is captivating today. This is a gorgeous expression of Franc.

2013 Evidence

91 Points

The 2013 Evidence, Rick Longoria's Bordeaux red blend is bold, juicy and full of character. Plum, black cherry, menthol, licorice and black cherry give the 2013 its juicy, pungent personality. In 2013, the blend is 33% Cabernet Franc, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 3% Malbec, done in about 50% new oak. Drink this delicious red over the next handful of years.