



Wine Advocate Praises Longoria

2013 Longoria Chardonnay Cuvee Diana

90 Points

Coming from the Sta. Rita Hills and aged 10 months in 14% new French oak, the 2013 Chardonnay Cuvee Diana has first-rate notes of buttered apple, charcoal, citrus blossom and brioche. Medium-bodied, nicely textured, balanced and lively, with nicely integrated acidity, it's a classy, well-made Chardonnay to drink over the coming 4-5 years.

2013 Longoria Chardonnay Fe Ciega Vineyard

92 Points

A new release from their estate Vineyard, the 2013 Chardonnay Fe Ciega Vineyard is all from the Mt. Eden Clone and was fermented and aged 10 months in 18% new French oak. It's clean and crisp, with lots of citrus peel, honeysuckle, crushed rock and mint-like aromas and flavors. The palate follows the style of the nose and is medium-bodied, steely and focused, yet never seems overtly lean or harsh. It's a rock-solid, classy white that should have 5-6 years of prime drinking.

2013 Longoria Chardonnay Rita's Crown Vineyard

92 Points

I found the 2013 Chardonnay Rita' Crown Vineyard to be slightly closed, but it reluctantly gave up classy and nicely defined notes of salty minerality, citrus blossom, crushed rock and mint with some aggressive swirling. Coming from a great vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills and barrel fermented and aged 13 months in 15% new French oak, this medium-bodied, nicely balance and elegant Chardonnay should be better this time next year and drink nicely through 2023.

2013 Longoria Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N

91 Points

Up there with the Fe Ciega as the top Pinot Noir in the lineup, the 2013 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N comes from 40-year-old vines and spent 14 months in 36% new French oak. It is a beautiful effort that offers lots of classic sweet strawberry and dark berry fruits, salty minerality, forest floor and floral aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, elegant, seamless and with fine tannin, it will shine for at least another 5-6 years.

2012 Longoria Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard

91 Points

My favorite red in the lineup, the 2012 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard's dark ruby color is followed by terrific notes of black raspberry and plum fruits, licorice and hints of violets. Medium to full-bodied, layered and nicely structured, it shows the vintage's rounded texture, yet it also has solid underlying structure. Aged 14 months in 30% new French oak and from the loamy, clay and shale soils of the Sta. Rita Hills, drink this beauty anytime over the coming 5-7 years.