



Vinous Media Praises New Longoria Releases

This is a gorgeous set of new releases from Rick Longoria, one of the veterans of the Santa Barbara scene. The wines represent the essence of balance, in that they never have too much or too little of anything, they are just beautifully centered Chardonnays and Pinots that speak faithfully to their origins. Other wineries may be more trendy and get more attention, but these wines are the real deal.

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2016 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana

92 Points

Rick Longoria's 2016 Chardonnay Cuvée Diana is soft, creamy and inviting, with lovely textural finesse. Hints of apricot, chamomile and orange peel grace this classy, wonderfully inviting Chardonnay. Even with blocked malolactic fermentation, the 2016 is quite deep and layered. Drink it over the next handful of years.

2016 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita

92 Points

The 2016 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita is laced with the essence of bright red cherry fruit. Lifted and yet also pliant, this inviting Sta. Rita Hills Pinot has so much to offer. Hints of rose petal and lavender add a very attractive upper register of floral brightness. Not only is the 2016 superb, it is also a tremendous value.

2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

90 Points

The 2016 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is one of the more reticent wines in Rick Longoria's range. Blood orange, red cherry, mint, tobacco, game and smoke give the 2016 it's distinctly wild, feral quality. Light on its feet and a touch ethereal, the 2016 has quite a bit to offer.

2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard

92 Points

The 2016 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard is deep and powerful, but also closed in on itself at present. The 2016 was done with fully destemmed fruit, and yet it shows distinct savory notes that suggest stems. Another year or two in bottle should help soften some of the slightly angular contours that are present today.

2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard Block M

93+ Points

The 2016 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard Block M emerges from a parcel planted with Mount Eden clone Pinot. Powerful and authoritative in the glass, the 2016 possesses notable density and structure. Today the Block M is a bit rough around the edges, but it has all the requisite elements to develop into a truly special wine. Actually, it already is. Readers should plan on giving this muscular, brooding Pinot at least another year or two in bottle.

2016 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

93 Points

The 2016 Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard is a wine of pure and total sophistication. Lifted and beautifully perfumed in style, the 2016 captures all of the nuances that make this Sta. Rita Hills site so special. Floral notes give the red berry fruit brightness, while silky tannins provide the textural underpinnings. This is a great example of S&B Pinot.

2016 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard

92 Points

Longoria's 2016 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard is creamy, sensual and inviting, with lovely textural depth and terrific overall balance. All the elements are wonderfully fused together in a spherical, sensual Pinot Noir that hits all the right notes. Nothing really stands out about the 2016, except its tremendous appeal. I loved it.