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SMART BUY!

"Big and dense..."

Longoria

***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Fe Ciega Vineyard
2010***

Deep ruby color; very tight and dense aromas of black cherry and plum; deep, young plum flavors with pepper and earthy notes; some tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Big, dense Pinot that is very young now. It needs time in the bottle and really needs air once it's in the glass. Will reward your cellar patience for a couple of years.

430 cases made \$48 Score: 94

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96-100	SUPERIOR; it doesn't get better.
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***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills La Encantada
Vineyard 2011***

Deep ruby color; tight, dense cherry aromas with earthy notes; rich, lush plum flavors with earthy and oak notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, earthy Pinot that has layers of flavor.

50 cases made \$50 Score: 93

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Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Lovely Rita 2011

Medium-deep ruby color; bright, spicy pepper and cherry aromas; rich, ripe spicy cherry and plum flavors with spice and lively texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Bright, lively Pinot that is simply delicious.

321 cases made \$32 Score: 93

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