

Longoria

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Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

Reviews from the November 2015 Issue

2014 Clover Creek Vineyard Albariño (Santa Ynez Valley)

90 Points

There's wet riverstone freshness to this bright white wine by Rick Longoria, which also shows grapefruit blossoms, lemon balm and a touch of grassiness on the nose. There's verve on the sip, with lemongrass, kiwi and lime-skin flavors making for a very tight and green-leaning palate. abv: 12.8%

2014 Pinot Grigio (Santa Barbara County) **EDITORS' CHOICE.**

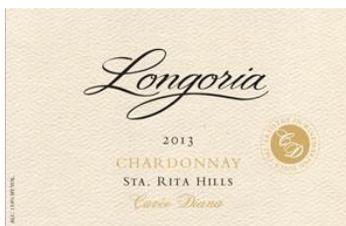
92 Points

Nectarine, apricot, jasmine blossoms and lots of fresh squeezed Meyer lemon juice makes a delicious nose on this refreshing treat of a wine. It conveys lively, citrusy acidity and apple rind tartness, offering flavors that last throughout the sip and deep into the finish. abv: 12.9%

2013 Cuvée Diana Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills) **CELLAR SELECTION.**

92 Points

Delicate sea salt and caramel brittle aromas meld with lemon blossoms, honey on brie rind, sweet alkalinity and a subtle white peach ripeness on Rick Longoria's annual ode to his wife. The texturally intriguing palate is racy with acidity and chalky in minerality, showing lean flavors of lemon and lime peels and a touch of vanilla on the deep finish. Drink 2018–2025. abv: 13.8%



2013 Fe Ciega Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

92 Points

The pithy yet subtle focus on this wine's nose ranges from lime peel to squeezed lemon reduction to sour apple flesh. There's a hint of ripe nectarine to the palate and lots of Key lime juice, opening towards apple custard and a citrus peel bitterness, proving to be a steadily evolving and complex wine. abv: 13.5%

2013 Rita's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

92 Points

A bright and sour combination strikes the nose on this wine, with aromas of lime sorbet, kumquat and salted green apple rinds. The lean, focused and racy palate is led by crushed limestone grip, with the slight warmth of tart crab apples, proving quite palate cleansing. It's perfect for halibut or other delicate fish. abv: 13.5%