

# Longoria

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## A NOTE FROM RICK



LAST DECEMBER DIANA AND I WERE BLESSED with our second granddaughter, Vivian. To celebrate her birth we have changed the name of our Pink Wine from Cuvée June to Cuvée June & Vivian. I've included a bottle of this very limited and wonderfully dry rosé to this GTO shipment in the hopes you can join us in a toast to the joys that children bring to us all.

Also included in your shipment are our new releases; 2015 Cuvée Diana Chardonnay, 2015 Pinot Noir from the renowned La Encantada Vineyard and the 2014 Syrah from Alisos Vineyard. From our Wine Library, we have included the 2010 Alisos Vineyard Syrah. A very limited quantity of this library wine will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

All of us at Longoria Wines hope you enjoy these wines. We also want to thank you for your continued patronage and look forward to seeing you at our Lompoc winery and tasting room this year.

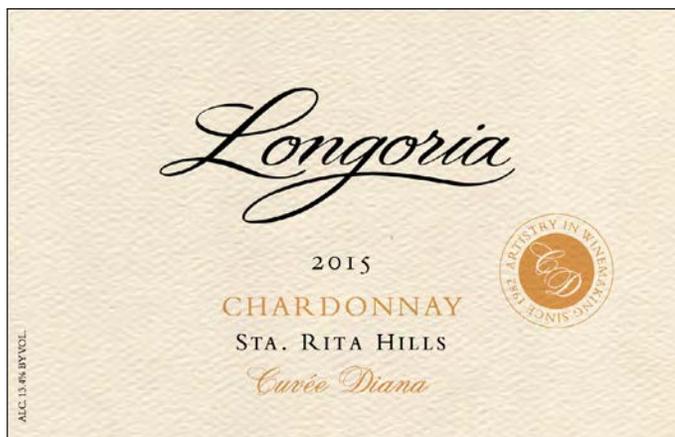
Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Longoria". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the "a" at the end.

— Rick Longoria, Winemaker

*These are the GTO releases for March 2017. The wines included in your shipment vary according to your Wine Club selection. The cost for each shipment includes the price of the wine, less your Wine Club discount, plus packaging, shipping and appropriate sales tax, when applicable.*

## RICK'S WINEMAKER NOTES



### 2015 CHARDONNAY

Sta. Rita Hills - **Cuvée Diana**

OUR FINEST CHARDONNAY is named after my wife and winery partner, Diana. I use the best grapes from each vintage to create this cuvée that epitomizes our region's world-class wines.

The growing season was similar to 2014. The combination of unusually high temperatures and small crop levels accelerated the ripening. With constant monitoring and quick decision making, I was able to harvest the grapes before they became overripe.

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed and the juice settled before being racked to barrels for fermentation. Each of the lots aged in French oak barrels for ten months before being blended and prepared for bottling. In an effort to preserve the aromatics and flavors of the Chardonnay grapes, only 24% of the blended wine aged in new French oak barrels.

The wine has a pale straw gold color. The aromas are of cinnamon laced apples with floral notes in the background. On the palate the wine is light to medium bodied with flavors of green apples and vanilla cream. The wine's high acidity provides for a long, lingering and refreshing finish.

This elegant and lean Chardonnay will be an excellent accompaniment to rich seafood dishes such as lobster, herb crusted seabass and various preparations of chicken, turkey and veal.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Chardonnay

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Fe Ciega (28%), Kessler-Haak (28%), Rita's Crown (28%), Zotovich (16%),

**PRODUCTION:** 158 cases

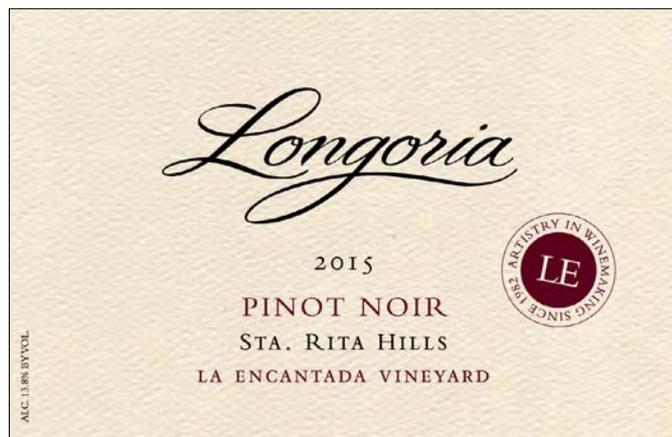
**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.4%

**pH:** 3.30

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.77 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Four to six years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$45.00



### 2015 PINOT NOIR

Sta. Rita Hills - **La Encantada Vineyard**

THIS ESTEEMED VINEYARD is located directly south of our estate vineyard, Fe Ciega, and was planted in 2001 by pioneer vintner and longtime friend Richard Sanford. I source my fruit from a block that is planted to the Dijon 777 clone.

An unusually warm growing season resulted in an early harvest of our grapes on August 26th, which coincidentally was the same harvest date as the year before. The grapes had an average sugar content of 23.4 Brix.

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into a small open top fermenter. After a three-day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast and fermented for seven days. The wine was then pressed off, settled, and transferred to French oak barrels to begin aging. Approximately 33% of the wine aged in new barrels with the balance in neutral barrels. The wine aged for 11 months before being bottled in August 2016, without fining and just a light filtration.

The wine has a medium ruby color of medium intensity. The aromas are a complex mixture of dried berries, cloves and mince pie. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with flavors of currants, herbs and walnuts. The combination of high acidity and moderate tannins gives the wine a dry finish.

Serve this wine with pork, veal and duck as well as mushroom risotto.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** La Encantada

**PRODUCTION:** 96 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.8%

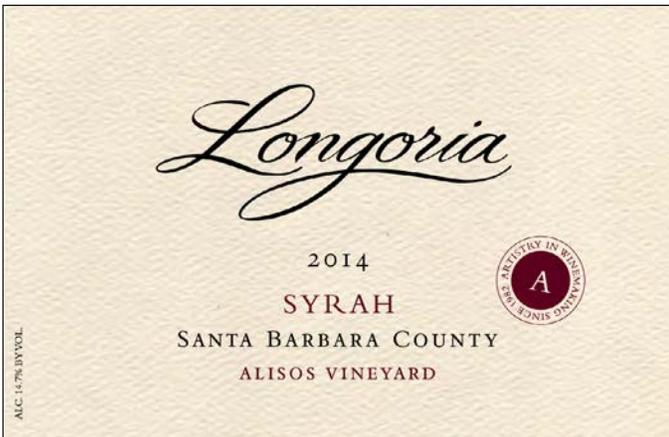
**pH:** 3.68

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.54 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Four to six years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$50.00

# RICK'S WINEMAKER NOTES, CONTINUED



## 2014 SYRAH

Santa Barbara County - **Alisos Vineyard**

THE 2014 HARVEST is memorable for its two distinct halves. The first part of harvest began early with warm temperatures. After a lull, the second half saw markedly cooler weather, which benefitted the Syrah grapes from Alisos Vineyard. I was able to let them mature longer on the vine and harvested them on October 1st with a sugar content of 25.0 Brix.

The grapes were entirely destemmed and crushed into an open-top fermenter. The must was cold soaked for four days, then inoculated with yeast. After a 15-day fermentation period, the wine was pressed off, settled and racked to French oak barrels. 30% of the wine was aged in new barrels. The wine was fined, filtered and bottled after 26 months of barrel aging.

The wine has a very dark red purple color, typical of Syrah from this vineyard.

The aromas are a complex mix of ripe black cherries, licorice and a hint of black pepper. On the palate the wine is full bodied with a rich texture and flavors similar to the aromas. The tannins are strong but smooth, and the oak flavors are so well integrated as to almost not be detectable against the powerful flavors. I recommend decanting this wine one hour prior to serving to allow the wine to open up.

This intensely flavored wine will pair well with flavorful meats such as marinated pork, barbecued beef, and prime rib.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Alisos

**PRODUCTION:** 48 cases

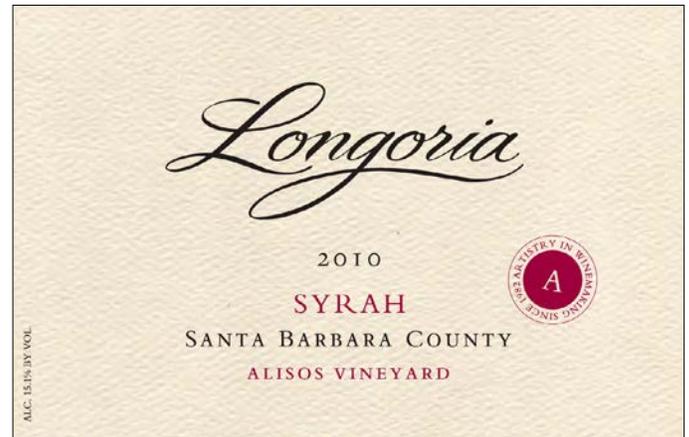
**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.7%

**pH:** 3.73

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.62 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Six to nine years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$40.00



## LIBRARY RELEASE: 2010 SYRAH

Santa Barbara County - **Alisos Vineyard**

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE for me to revisit and share our most age-worthy wines such as this Syrah from Alisos Vineyard.

The wine still has the very dark, almost black, ruby color with no noticeable browning in the edges. The aroma has melded together the wild berries, black pepper and mint of its youth into an earthy, anise-like character. On the palate the wine is still very rich with a great extracted texture. The flavors are beginning to show a slight aged quality, and the once strong tannins have mellowed. The wine's excellent acidity provides a finish that has the quality of bitter chocolate laced with sea salt.

Due to the minimalist approach to my winemaking, the wine has formed natural deposits of tartrates and sediment that can be removed by standing the bottle upright for several days and then decanting 30 to 45 minutes prior to serving the wine.

This intensely complex Syrah will accompany a wide variety of rich, flavorful dishes such as braised short ribs, osso buco and fine cuts of beef like prime rib.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Alisos

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 81 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 15.1%

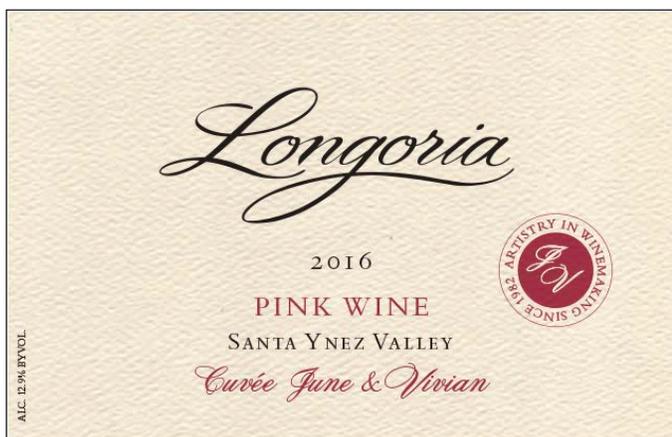
**pH:** 3.58

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.66 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Additional three to five years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$60.00

# RICK'S WINEMAKER NOTES, CONTINUED



## 2016 PINK WINE

Santa Ynez Valley - **Cuvée June & Vivian**

IN 2007, DIANA AND I INTRODUCED A PINK WINE, or rosé, to commemorate the birth of our first granddaughter, June Olivia. In 2016, we were blessed with our second granddaughter, Vivian Inez.

We happily renamed our pink wine to celebrate both of our granddaughters, creating our first vintage of Cuvée June & Vivian.

The 2016 harvest returned to a normal weather pattern with harvest dates closer to historical averages than the last two vintages.

The grapes for both lots were destemmed and crushed in harvest bins, and allowed to settle for several hours enabling the juice to soak up the appropriate blush color from the skins. The grapes were then pressed off, and the juice was transferred to stainless steel drums for fermentation. After fermentation, the wines were racked to stainless steel containers for a short aging period. For the first time I included Albariño to give it a floral note. I also blended in a small amount of Grenache to give the flavor a spicy quality.

The wine has a beautiful pink color with copper accents. The aroma has a floral quality as well as a blend of cantaloupe, watermelon and strawberries. On the palate the wine has a light body with melon flavors, and a crisp lingering finish.

Perfect for summer fare, this rosé will pair well with prosciutto-wrapped cantaloupe, grilled shrimp and seafood salads. Serve moderately chilled.

**COMPOSITION:** Tempranillo – Clover Creek Vineyard (56%), Mourvedre – Balaban Vineyard (26%), Albariño – Clover Creek Vineyard (10%), Grenache – Camp 4 Vineyard (8%).

**PRODUCTION:** 36 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 12.9%

**pH:** 3.57

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.61 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Nine to twelve months

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$22.00



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **REBECCA GOMEZ ART SHOW**

**Winter 2017**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut Ave.**

**Lompoc, CA 93436**

Visit our Winery Tasting Room and take in our winter art show featuring local artist Rebecca Gomez. To learn more about her art, visit:

<http://www.rgomezart.com/>

## **RECEPTION FOR ARTIST REBECCA GOMEZ**

**Sunday, March 12th, 2017, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut Ave.**

**Lompoc, CA 93436**

As part of our effort to promote the art community in our area, we feature the work of local artists throughout the year in our reception lounge.

Rebecca's art is on display now through the month of March and on Sunday, March 12th; we invite you to come meet and talk with her.

Artwork will be available for purchase.

## **SANTA BARBARA VINTNERS NEW RELEASE SPRING WEEKEND**

**Thursday, April 20th, to Sunday, April 23th, 2017**

**Various locations in Santa Barbara County**

It will be a weekend full of wine, food and fun here in Santa Barbara County! Many events are planned, including the annual Vintners Festival, which will be held at River View Park in Buellton on Saturday, April 22rd. More than 100 member wineries will be pouring their wines, complemented by local food, music, and art. For tickets and more information:

<http://www.sbvintnersweekend.com/>

## **ANNUAL WINEMAKER DINNER AT THE BALLARD INN**

**Saturday, April 22rd, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

**The Ballard Inn, 2436 Baseline Avenue**

**Ballard, CA 93463 (near Solvang)**

Chef Budi Kazali and Winemaker Rick Longoria have collaborated on this annual dinner for over 10 years. This year, which marks the 35th anniversary of Longoria Wines, promises an extraordinary experience as Rick shares his many memories and at least one rare gem out of his Library collection. Seating is limited and sells out early. For tickets and information, phone 800.638.2466.

<http://www.ballardinn.com/events.htm>

## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, April 23th, 2017, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut Ave.**

**Lompoc, CA 93436**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon! We will be featuring our new April Wine Club releases. In celebration of Longoria Wines 35th anniversary, Rick will be pouring some library wines in magnums, which will also be available for sale.

# LONGORIA CURRENT AND NEW RELEASES

NEW RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2015 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2016 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian	\$22.00	\$18.70	\$17.60
2015 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Syrah, Alisos Vineyard	\$40.00	\$34.00	\$32.00

LIBRARY RELEASE IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2010 Syrah, Alisos Vineyard	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$48.00

CURRENT RELEASES	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2015 Chardonnay, Sta. Rita Hills	\$32.00	\$27.20	\$25.60
2015 Pinot Noir, Lovely Rita	\$32.00	\$27.20	\$25.60
Grenache, Santa Ynez Valley	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2013 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
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2013 Chardonnay, Rita's Crown Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2013 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2013 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2013 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2013 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$55.00	\$46.75	\$44.00
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2013 Grenache, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
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2013 Syrah, Clover Creek Vineyard	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
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2013 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley	\$36.00	\$30.60	\$28.80
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2014 Cabernet Franc, Santa Barbara County	\$48.00	\$40.80	\$38.40
2013 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
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2012 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$42.00	\$35.70	\$33.60
2013 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
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2013 Hoo Doo Red, Santa Barbara County	\$22.00	\$18.70	\$17.60

## 2016 SCHEDULE OF RELEASES

### WINE CLUB

**April:** 2016 Albariño, Clover Creek Vineyard  
2016 Pinot Grigio, Santa Barbara County  
2015 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard  
2014 Syrah, Santa Barbara County

**October:** 2015 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard  
2015 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County  
2015 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley

### GRAND TASTEVIN ORDER

**November:** 2015 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard  
2015 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vyd.  
2009 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard (Library Wine)

2011 Evidence, Santa Barbara County (Library Wine)  
2012 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County (Library Wine)