

# Longoria

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## A NOTE FROM RICK

WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING ARRAY OF WINES for the first GTO Wine Club shipment of 2018. For fans of our library wines, you will be pleased that we actually have more Library wines than new releases in this shipment.

The Library wines include the intense 2010 vintage of Fe Ciega Pinot Noir, the equally intense and complex 2011 Alisos Vineyard Syrah, and the rare 2013 Cabernet Franc, which excited wine critic Antonio Galloni enough to award it 93 points in his *Vinous* review. Additional bottles of these Library wines will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

The new releases are the delicious 2017 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian — a blend of Tempranillo & Syrah — and the exotic 2016 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir.

All of us at Longoria Wines hope you will enjoy each of these special wines.

We also want to thank you for your continued patronage and we hope you will have a chance to visit us at our tasting room sometime during the year.

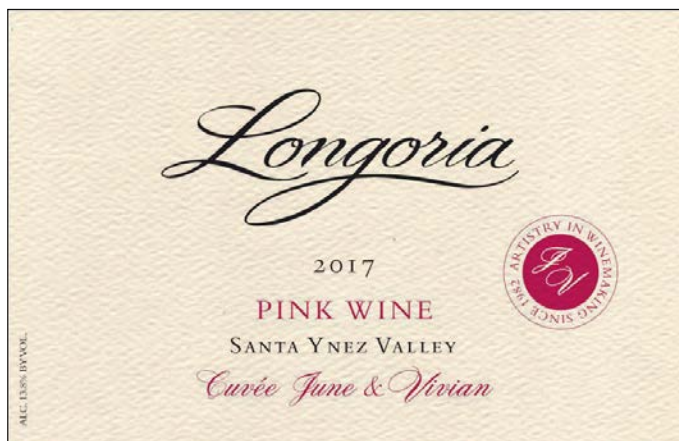


Cheers,

— Rick Longoria, Winemaker

*These are the GTO releases for March 2018. 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



### 2017 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. In 2016 we were blessed with our second granddaughter, Vivian. We happily renamed our pink wine to celebrate both of our granddaughters.

We experienced a normal growing season in 2017, until a heat spell in late August rapidly accelerated the grapes' ripening. The Tempranillo grapes were harvested on September 4th and the Syrah grapes were harvested on September 7th with an average sugar content of 22.5 Brix.

The grapes for both lots were destemmed and crushed into harvest bins for 4 to 6 hours to extract our desired amount of color from the skins. The must was pressed off and the juice was transferred to stainless steel drums to begin fermentation. After 14 days the wines were racked to other stainless steel drums for a short aging period before being blended and bottled in February 2018.

The wine has a beautiful pink color with hints of copper. The aromas are of fresh cantaloupe and juicy apricot. On the palate the wine has a creamy texture with flavors of apricot sorbet.

Perfect for summer picnics, this rosé will pair well with grilled shrimp, seafood salads and pastas. Serve moderately chilled.

#### COMPOSITION:

Tempranillo – Clover Creek Vineyard (52%)

Syrah – Clover Creek Vineyard (48%),

**PRODUCTION:** 55 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.8%

**pH:** 3.40

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.59 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Nine to twelve months

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$22.00



### 2016 PINOT NOIR

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

LOCATED DIRECTLY SOUTH OF OUR ESTATE VINEYARD, Fe Ciega, this esteemed vineyard 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.

The weather returned to a more normal pattern during the 2016 growing season, except for a heat spell in late August that accelerated the ripening of the grapes and made it challenging to pick before they become overripe. We were able to harvest the grapes on September 2nd at the desired sugar content of 24.3 Brix.

Approximately 26% of the wine aged in new barrels with the balance in older barrels. After 15 months, the wine was fined, lightly filtered and bottled in January 2018.

The wine has a medium dark ruby color. The aromas are a complex blend of fresh cranberries, incense and a hint of thyme in the background. On the palate, the wine has medium weight and extract, with flavors of tart, fresh cranberries, thyme and walnuts. The silky tannins and naturally high acidity provide a satisfyingly long and lingering finish.

Pair with grilled bread topped with sautéed mushrooms, burrata and a sprinkle of fresh rosemary; pasta with fresh English peas and smoked ham or pancetta; or slow-cooked pork shoulder.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** La Encantada

**PRODUCTION:** 78 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.8%

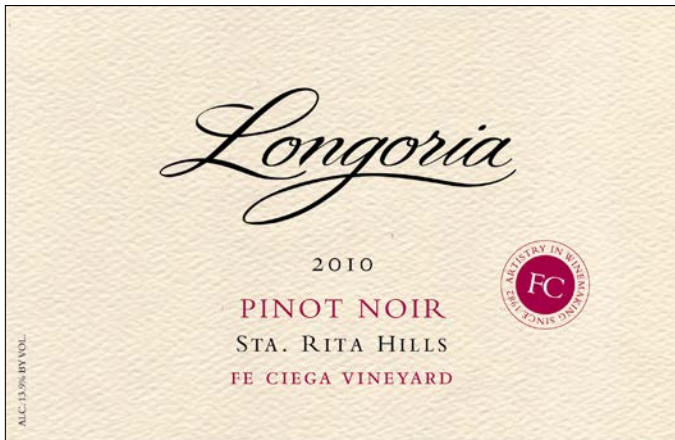
**pH:** 3.52

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.55 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Five to seven years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$50.00

# RICK'S WINEMAKER NOTES, CONTINUED



## LIBRARY RELEASE: 2010 PINOT NOIR

Sta. Rita Hills - **Fe Ciega Vineyard**

OUR EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT FE CIEGA PINOT NOIR needs time in the bottle before revealing its fully developed characteristics. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we release this older vintage from our wine library. The 2010 is an perfect example of why this vineyard is considered one of the “grand cru” sites in the Sta. Rita Hills appellation.

The color has barely changed from when it was bottled. There is only the slightest hint of orange color developing around the edges of the wine. The still-youthful aromas are of spiced berries, currants and herbs. On the palate, the wine reveals itself to be a powerful, extracted wine, with flavors similar to the aromas. The cool maritime climate and clay-based soil contribute to its great structure. Although the wine will give immense pleasure if opened now, the tannins indicate additional bottle aging would be beneficial. I suggest decanting the wine 30 to 60 minutes prior to serving to allow the wine to open up.

Serve with pork loin, spring lamb and quail dishes.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Fe Ciega

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 430 cases

**LIBRARY QUANTITY:** 14 cases

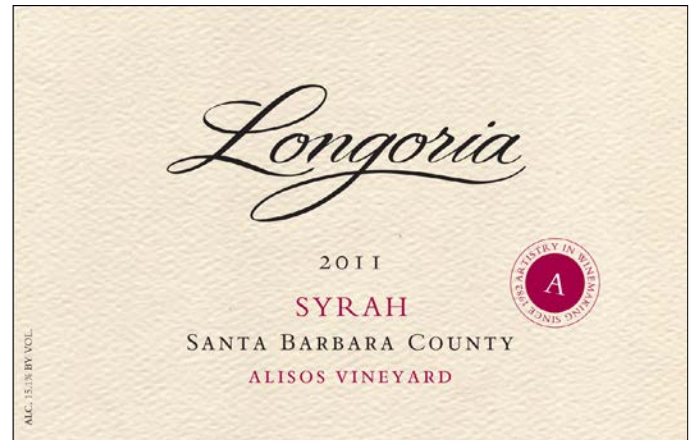
**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.69

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

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Additional four to seven years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$75.00



## LIBRARY RELEASE: 2011 SYRAH

Santa Barbara County - **Alisos Vineyard**

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO RELEASING A LIBRARY selection of Syrah from Alisos Vineyard. It never fails to reward us with incredibly complex flavors and textures with extended bottle aging.

The color is as dark as when it was first released with no hint of aging. The aromas are of ripe cherries and anise with spice in the background. On the palate, the tannins have softened enough to allow the wine's flavors to come forth. The elements of fruit, oak, tannins and acidity are beginning to harmonize, rendering a smooth and complex wine. Due to our minimalist approach to making this wine, you will notice natural deposits of sediment and tartrates on the cork. I highly recommended standing the bottle upright for several days before serving, and then decanting the wine 30 to 60 minutes before drinking to remove the sediment.

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

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Syrah

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Alisos

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 90 cases

**LIBRARY QUANTITY:** 14 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 15.1%

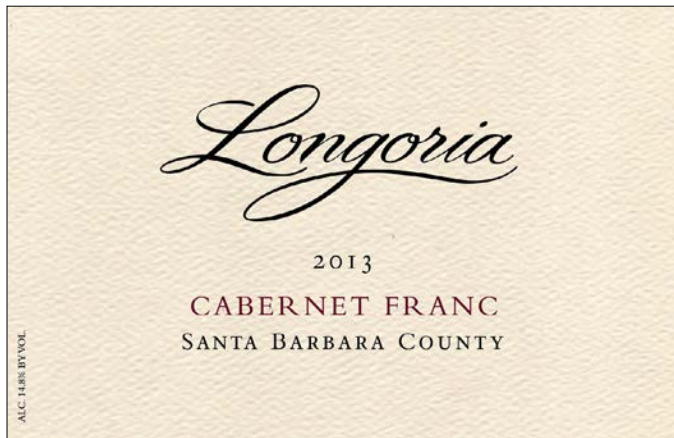
**pH:** 3.58

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.58 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Additional four to seven years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$60.00

# WINEMAKER NOTES, CONTINUED



## **LIBRARY RELEASE: 2013 CABERNET FRANC**

Santa Barbara County

THIS WAS A VERY SPECIAL WINE WHEN WE RELEASED IT in the fall of 2015. Fans had eagerly waited 11 years for another 100% Cabernet Franc and were, happily, not disappointed. Despite only producing 49 cases, I held back enough wine to re-release it to our GTO members. I felt the intensity and structure merited inclusion into our library wine program.

The color of the wine is still a vibrant, dark ruby hue. The nose displays the classic Cabernet Franc characteristics of ripe black cherries, anise and spices. On the palate, the moderate tannins have softened slightly giving the wine a smooth texture and polished finish.

This elegant wine will pair well with a variety of dishes including lamb, pork and hearty soups.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Cabernet Franc

### **VINEYARD SOURCES:**

Camp Four (55%)

Alisos (45%)

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 49 cases

**LIBRARY QUANTITY:** 14 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.8%

**pH:** 3.64

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

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

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$60.00

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **BETSEE TALAVERA "THE CENTRAL COAST AND BEYOND"**

**Art exhibit open through April 16th, 2018**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436**

"Painting brings me pleasure because it stops time and holds it close," says Lompoc artist Betsee Talavera. Come and view the moments of time Betsee has captured on canvas. Her landscapes from around the Central Coast are on display in the Longoria Tasting Room Gallery.

For a comprehensive look at Betsee's work, visit:

<https://www.fineartamerica.com/profiles/betsee-talavera/shop>

## **GTO WINE CLUB TASTING — SOLD OUT!**

**Saturday, March 10th, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

Rick will be pouring and leading you through each wine in the March GTO shipment. This exclusive tasting event will be held in our private Wine Club Room with an assortment of artisan cheeses.

## **LONGORIA WINEMAKER DINNER AT THE GATHERING TABLE**

**Saturday, April 21st, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

**The Ballard Inn, 2436 Baseline Avenue, Ballard, CA 93463**

Chef Budi Kazali and Winemaker Rick Longoria are collaborating once again for a show-stopping winemaker dinner. Tickets are limited and must be purchased from Ballard Inn by calling 805.688.7770. For more information:

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

## **SPRING OPEN HOUSE AND NEW RELEASE PARTY**

**Sunday, April 22nd, 2018, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

Come on out to our winery tasting room in Lompoc to celebrate spring on Sunday, April 22. Enjoy live music from Ben & Ash while you sip the latest Longoria wine releases. Gourmet tacos from Valle Fresh will be available for purchase.

## **SANTA BARBARA WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 30th, 2018, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History**

**2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105**

Swirl, sip and indulge in tastings from premier Central Coast Wineries complemented by savory and sweet bites from top local food purveyors. Proceeds benefit Museum exhibits and education programs. For information and tickets:

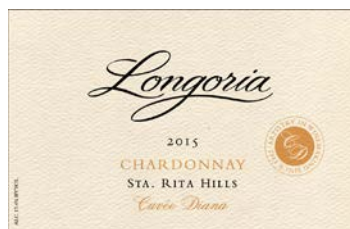
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# RECENT REVIEWS

## Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

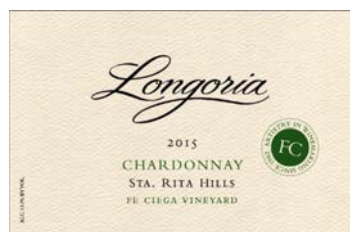
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### 2015 Cuvée Diana Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

**93 Points**

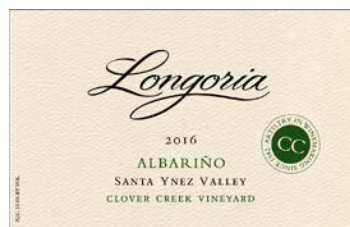
Bright and fresh aromas of pomelo pith, grapefruit flesh, guava skins and tangerine soufflé show on the nose of this top-tier Chardonnay by veteran Rick Longoria. Clean and crisp flavors of mandarin pith and a crushed marble minerality give backbone to the richer touches of macadamia nut, cashew and the slightest kiss of buttercream. abv: 13.4%



### 2015 Fe Ciega Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

**91 Points**

This tightly wound, still very young bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard needs a little time to open up, but when it does, there are grapefruit pith, candied lemon rind and freeze-dried honeydew aromas to enjoy. The texture is tremendously chalky, delivering flavors of lime skin, apple rind and orange candies. abv: 13%



### 2016 Clover Creek Vineyard Albariño (Santa Ynez Valley)

**91 Points**

Plump aromas of poached pear, Meyer lemon pith, honeysuckle and an underlying slate-like minerality hit the nose on this bottling. There's a roundness to the palate of Asian pear, but the sip is all about grippy texture and sizzling citrus energy that carries deep into the finish. abv: 13.9%



# LONGORIA CURRENT AND NEW RELEASES

NEW RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2017 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian	\$22.00	\$18.70	\$17.60
2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
LIBRARY RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2010 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$75.00	\$63.75	\$60.00
2011 Syrah, Alisos Vineyard	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$48.00
2013 Cabernet Franc, Santa Barbara County	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$48.00
CURRENT RELEASES	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2016 Albariño, Clover Creek Vineyard	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$20.00
2014 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
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2016 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2014 Chardonnay, Rita's Crown Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2016 Pinot Noir, Lovely Rita	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2014 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2014 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 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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2015 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$55.00	\$46.75	\$44.00
2014 Grenache, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
Grenache, Santa Ynez Valley	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2013 Syrah Reserva, Alisos Vineyard	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2014 Syrah, Santa Barbara County	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
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2014 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley	\$36.00	\$30.60	\$28.80
2015 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley	\$36.00	\$30.60	\$28.80
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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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
2012 Syrah, <i>Vino Dulce</i> , Port-Style Wine (375ml)	\$23.00	\$19.55	\$18.40

## 2017 SCHEDULE OF RELEASES

### WINE CLUB

**April:** 2017 Albariño, Clover Creek Vineyard  
2017 Pinot Grigio, Santa Barbara County  
2016 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard  
2016 Grenache, Santa Barbara County

**October:** 2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard  
2016 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County  
2016 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley

### GRAND TASTEVIN ORDER

**November:** 2016 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard  
2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard Block M  
2016 Cabernet Franc, Santa Barbara County

2016 Evidence, Santa Barbara County  
2012 Evidence (Library Wine)