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SMART BUY!

"Deep and earthy..."

Longoria

***Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley Bien Nacido
Vineyard Block N 2012***

Deep ruby color; deep, dusty cherry aromas with oak notes; complex, stewed cherry flavors with oak and earthy notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep, earthy Pinot with that is classic Santa Maria in style.

168 cases made \$45 Score: 90

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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

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***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Fe Ciega Vineyard
2011***

Deep ruby color; dense aromas of plum and cherry with spice and anise notes; deep, developed cherry and plum flavors with earthy and anise notes; some tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Dense and spicy Pinot that has great structure for the cellar.

326 cases made \$48 Score: 93

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***Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Fe Ciega Vineyard
Block M 2012***

Deep ruby color; complex, plum and earthy aromas; deep, rich cherry and plum flavors with complex earthy and spice notes; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, silky Pinot with nice depth and layered flavors.

67 cases made \$55 Score: 93

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Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills Lovely Rita 2012

Medium-deep ruby color; bright, berry aromas with spicy anise notes; bright, ripe berry flavors with oak and lively texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, ripe and bright Pinot perfect for meat on the grill.

405 cases made \$32 Score: 91

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