

Longoria

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2016 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana

92 Points

All whole cluster pressed then aged in predominantly, (77%) used French oak. The nose is beautifully elegant with focused lemon and richer elements of polished peach. The palate entry is bright acidity with a core of attractively precise golden peach, apple, and coconut. Drink 2018-2026.

2016 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita

91 Points

Raised in primarily used oak. The nose is a solid red berry, cola, tobacco and sun-dried tomato. The palate entry is spicy cherry with a dry, focused dark fruit and mouth-coating tannin in the core. Drink 2018-2024.

2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard

97 Points

When counting the grad-cru sites in Sta. Rita Hills, Fe Ciega definitely belongs. Planted in 1998, the fruit has been used exclusively by Longoria, aside from a small amount made available to Adam Tolmach, at Ojai Vineyard. The nose is a buttery - smooth tobacco and cherry with notes of chocolate and plum. The palate entry is silky red cherry with a core of sculpted red and black fruits and strong tannins. Hold this for up to 2 decades. Drink 2020-2035.

2016 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard, Block N

94 Points

This will be the last Bien Nacido from Longoria as the winery has decided to concentrate only on Sta. Rita Hills. The nose is piquant red berry fruit with notes of blossoms, pomegranate and herb. The palate offers a silky yet well-framed entry of cedar, textured cherry and black raspberry in the core, overlaid with herbs. Seamless elegance. Planted in 1970 to Martini clone, Block N has been a staple of the Longoria portfolio for nearly a quarter century. Drink 2018-2027.

2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard

95 Points

A penetrating nose of spicy black fruit with silky impressions of herbs, meat and mineral. The palate is a smoke-laced black fruit on entry, a supple core of plum leading to a leaner, bright red cranberry finish. Drink 2018-2026.

2016 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

94 Points

The nose is a sour plum with a riper core of sticky, tobacco accented fruit with notes of clove. The palate is a deep, saturated dark fruit with structured textural elements in the core. Finely balanced elegance with a finish of silky black fruits. Drink 2018-2030.