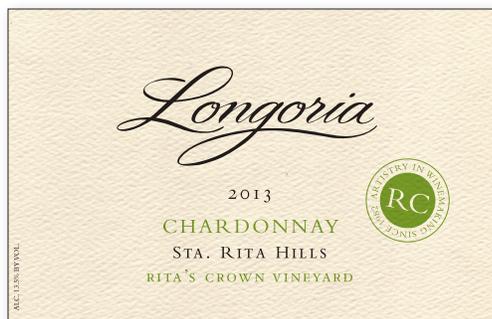


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2013 CHARDONNAY

Sta. Rita Hills – Rita's Crown Vineyard

The Vineyard Site

This is our third vintage of Chardonnay from Rita's Crown Vineyard, which is quickly gaining acclaim for the outstanding Chardonnay and Pinot Noir produced from its fruit. We source from a small 1.5-acre block planted to clone 96 that is situated on a steep south-facing slope containing rocky clay loam soil.

The Harvest

Because of this site's south-facing exposure and thinner soils, the Chardonnay grapes ripen earlier than at our other sites. The grapes were harvested on September 5th with a sugar content of 22.3 Brix.

Winemaking

The grapes were whole cluster pressed and the juice settled for 24 hours before being transferred to a small egg-shaped fermenter and oak barrels for fermentation. After a 10-day fermentation, the barrels were topped off and the wine in the fermenter was racked to additional oak barrels to begin a 13-month aging period. The lees at the bottom of the barrels were stirred every two weeks for the first 3 months to promote a richer mouth feel to the wine. Only 15% of the wine was aged in new French oak barrels. None of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The wine was bottled on December 23, 2014.

The Wine

The wine has a medium straw gold color. The aromas have a slight tropical fruit aspect which develops in the glass to reveal aromas of creamed corn and oatmeal. On the palate the wine has flavors of tapioca and citrus, which evolve into lingering flavors of nuts, caramel and butterscotch on the finish. The medium weight of the wine is perfectly balanced with crisp acidity.

Food Pairings

Enjoy this wine with a variety of shellfish and rich seafood such as grilled lobster and sautéed scallops.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker
November 1, 2015

TECHNICAL NOTES

Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Vineyard source: Rita's Crown

Production: 71 cases

Alcohol by volume: 13.5%

pH: 3.25

Titrateable acidity: 0.64g/100ml

Cellaring potential: Three to five years

Bottle price: \$50.00

Release Date: November 1, 2015