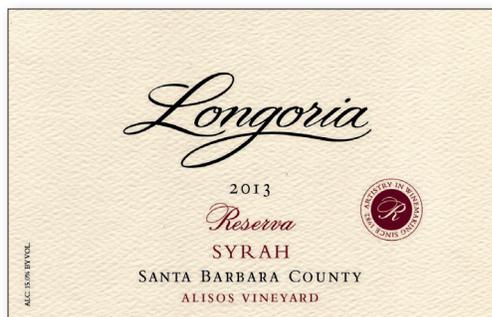


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## 2013 RESERVA SYRAH

Santa Barbara County – Alisos Vineyard

### Inspiration

My favorite Syrahs have always been produced from Alisos Vineyard grapes. The wines are characteristically dense and tightly wound with strong tannins. Even with the usual 22 months of barrel aging, additional bottle aging is needed to smooth out the tannins. Curious to see what effect extended barrel aging would have on the wine, I aged one barrel of our 2006 Alisos Vineyard Syrah for 41 months before bottling it. The result became our Syrah Reserva, which is a more complex and smoother version of the regular bottling. Holding wine for this length of time is an expensive proposition, so we're not able to routinely do this. However, when only three barrels of Syrah were produced in 2013, I decided to barrel age the wine again for an extended period of time.

### Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into a small open-top fermenter. After three days of cold soaking the must was inoculated and fermented for 19 days. The wine was pressed off, settled and racked to French oak barrels, of which 33% were new. After 42 months of barrel aging the wine was fined, lightly filtered and bottled in May 2017.

### The Wine

The wine has a dark ruby color and aromas of dried cherries and plums, hints of leather and subtle floral notes. On the palate the wine is medium bodied, with flavors similar to the nose. The high acidity and moderately strong tannins indicate the wine will benefit from several years of additional cellaring. I recommend decanting the wine for 45 to 60 minutes prior to serving.

### Food Pairings

This robust wine will pair well with hearty meals such as spiced pork, meat pies and Osso Buco.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker  
November 1, 2017

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Composition:** 100% Syrah

**Vineyard source:** Alisos

**Production:** 85 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 15.0%

**pH:** 3.41

**Titrateable acidity:** 0.61 g/100ml

**Cellaring potential:** Three to five years

**Bottle price:** \$45.00