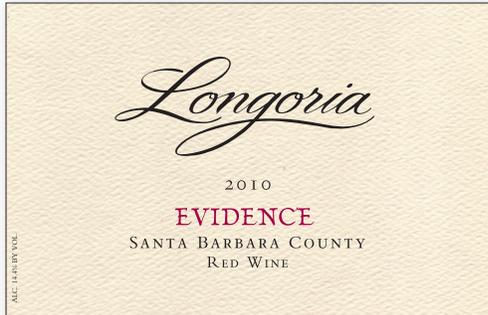


# Longoria

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## 2010 EVIDENCE

Santa Barbara County – Red Wine

We are pleased to release another vintage of our finest red blend, Evidence. This limited production wine is our effort to demonstrate that a blend of the traditional Bordeaux grapes can excel in Santa Barbara County.

The 2010 harvest was relatively cool and drawn out, with the Cabernet Sauvignon harvested first on October 16th and the Merlot on November 4th. The extended harvest allowed the grapes to develop full flavors without the high sugar levels, which I prefer in my quest to produce balanced wines.

All of the grapes were destemmed and crushed into 1.5-ton open-top fermenters. After a 3-day cold soak the must was inoculated with yeast, and fermentation proceeded for an average of 12 days. The wine was then pressed off to a tank for settling. The individual wines were transferred to French oak barrels for aging. As I prefer to respect the fruit characteristics of the varietals, I use new oak sparingly, just 30% for this blend. After 21 months in barrel the wines were blended, fined and filtered prior to bottling in late August 2012.

The wine has a dark ruby color. The aromas are a complex array of ripe blackberries, currants with hints of cedar, tobacco and even some floral notes. On the palate, the wine is full bodied with juicy flavors of berries and chocolate with hints of herbs on the finish. The wine has moderate yet silky tannins, which is appropriate for a high quality Bordeaux blend, and will be resolved with cellar aging. The finish shows the balanced acidity and dusty oak vanillin from the French oak barrels used in the aging process.

Enjoy this wine with lamb shank immersed in a wine mushroom sauce and other hearty meat-based dishes.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker  
November 1, 2012

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Composition:

Cabernet Sauvignon – Grassini Vineyard (39%)  
Cabernet Franc – Alisos Vineyard (36%)  
Merlot – Alisos Vineyard (20%)  
Malbec – Rancho Sisquoc Vineyard (5%)

**Production:** 68 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 14.4%

**pH:** 3.53

**Titrateable acidity:** .63 g/100 ml.

**Cellaring potential:** Five to seven years

**Bottle price:** \$40.00