

# Longoria

ARTISTRY IN WINEMAKING SINCE 1982



## 2011 BLUES CUVÉE

Santa Barbara County

This is the 19th vintage of our popular Cabernet Franc-based blend that pays tribute to one of the great American musical forms – the Blues. This year's label features new artwork by artist Brad Greenwell. Brad is a young, talented and up-and-coming artist working in the industrial zone of Salt Lake City, Utah. He's provided us with a beautiful oil on canvas painting of a saxophonist deep in musical meditation.

Our 2011 Blues Cuvée blend is composed of four classic Bordeaux grape varietals plus Syrah. Fans of Cabernet Franc will be happy that it comprises slightly over half of this year's blend. Each of the component wines was aged in French oak barrels for 21 months before being blended together. The percentage of new oak barrels averaged 25%.

The wine has a beautiful forward nose of berries, cedar and violets. The high percentage of Cabernet Franc is evident in the aromas. On the palate the wine is medium bodied with a great balance of tannins and acidity. The flavors are of blueberry, boysenberry and a hint of green olive. The tannins are very well balanced and the acidity provides a long finish.

This wine pairs well with a variety of foods, particularly grilled meats.

Rick Longoria, *Winemaker*  
October 1, 2013

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### Composition:

Cabernet Franc (52%)  
Syrah (24%)  
Cabernet Sauvignon (13%)  
Merlot (9%)  
Malbec (2%)

**Production:** 262 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.52

**Titrateable acidity:** 0.69 g/100 ml.

**Cellaring potential:** Five to eight years

**Retail price:** \$30.00