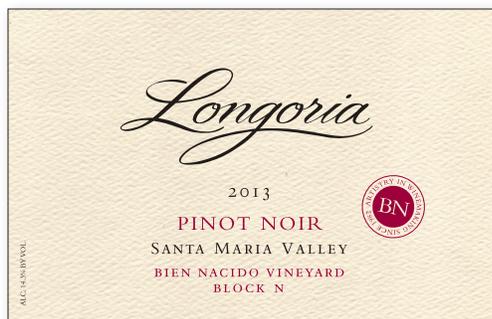


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## 2013 PINOT NOIR

Santa Maria Valley – Bien Nacido Vineyard – Block N

### The History

We are always proud to release our Pinot Noir from the renowned Santa Maria Valley vineyard, Bien Nacido. For over 20 years our grapes have come from Block N. Planted to the heritage Martini clone in the early 70s, it is one of the most coveted blocks of Pinot Noir.

### The Harvest

The grapes were harvested on the night of September 9th, with an average sugar content of 23.6 Brix. The crop yield was 2.3 tons per acre.

### Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into open-top fermenters. After two days of cold soaking the must was inoculated with two different yeast strains. After a 14-day fermentation period, the wine was pressed off into a tank to settle for a few days. It was then racked to French oak barrels, of which 36% were new. The wine aged for 15 months before being lightly fined, filtered and bottled in January 2015.

### The Wine

The wine has a medium ruby color with aromas of dried cherries, currants with hints of sage, rosemary and cocoa. On the palate it is medium bodied with rich complex flavors of dried cherries and cranberries. The new oak vanillin and toasted oak flavors are seamlessly integrated with the wine's fruit flavors. The texture is soft and savory with only a hint of tannins.

### Food Pairing

Enjoy this wine with braised short ribs, pork loin, wild mushroom risotto, asparagus or kale.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Composition:** 100% Pinot Noir

**Vineyard source:** Bien Nacido

**Production:** 185 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 14.3%

**pH:** 3.66

**Titrateable acidity:** 0.58g/100ml

**Cellaring potential:** Three to five years

**Bottle price:** \$50.00

Rick Longoria, *Winemaker*  
April 1, 2015