

# Longoria

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## A NOTE FROM RICK

WE ARE ALWAYS EXCITED AND PROUD to release some of our finest wines to the GTO Club membership. We realize these particular wines are expensive, but we feel our pricing is fair and reflective of the hand-crafted quality and miniscule production of these wines. Our GTO members have proven to be our most loyal and we thank you for your recognition and support of our most prized wine releases.

This shipment includes *A Noir Supreme*, a very special 2017 Pinot Noir that pays homage to a jazz icon, John Coltrane, and his 1964 masterpiece, *A Love Supreme*. It is the first time I've blended Pinot Noir from all of the vineyards I produced wine from in a vintage. In this case, it's a blend of Fe Ciega, Sanford & Benedict and La Encantada vineyards. Just as John Coltrane and his band members created music that was a blend of each of their musical instincts and talents, I have sought

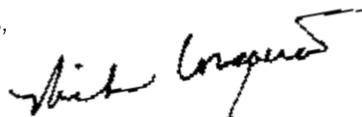
to create a blend that is harmonious and where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Also included from the 2017 vintage are two regal examples of our Bordeaux blend, Evidence and our 100% Cabernet Franc. Both show the characteristics of a cooler vintage, exemplified by exquisite balance. Just 48 cases of each of these were produced. And to show you how well our wines age, we are including the 2013 Evidence from our Library, whose cellaring potential is another six to eight years.

As of this writing, we are nearly done with the harvest and crush, with just a few red grape varietals still maturing on the vine. The weather has been very similar to that of 2018, with mild temperatures that have allowed the grapes to hang on the vine longer to develop greater flavor but still retain balanced acidity.

Diana and I, together with our staff, want to wish you and your family the very best for the Holidays. We thank you for your loyal support and we look forward to sharing new vintages with you in the coming year.

Cheers,

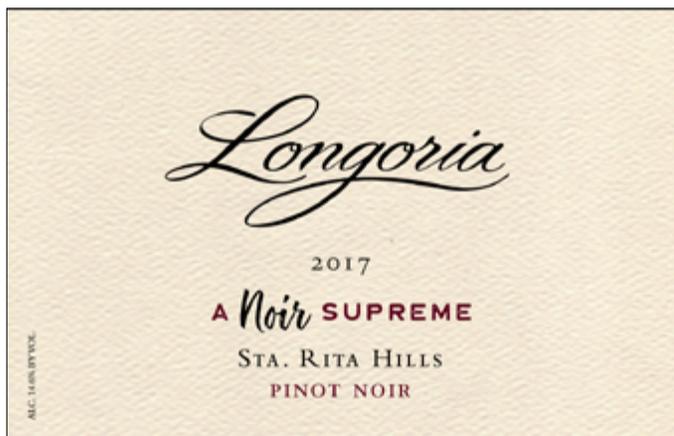


— Rick Longoria, Winemaker



*These are the GTO releases for November. The wines included in your shipment vary according to your Wine Club selection. The cost for each shipment includes the price of the wine, less your Wine Club discount, plus packaging, shipping and appropriate sales tax, when applicable.*

## RICK'S WINEMAKER NOTES



### 2017 PINOT NOIR

Sta. Rita Hills - **A Noir Supreme**

I CRAFTED A NOIR SUPREME FROM THE FRUIT OF THREE of the finest vineyards in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. This very limited, special-release wine is my tribute to John Coltrane's 1964 jazz masterpiece recording, "A Love Supreme." The album is musical proof that art flourishes in a collaborative space. Nature and the worker's hands provide the winemaker with the raw material and the wine cellar is the studio within which we follow our aesthetic instincts to create unique wines. This wine exemplifies artistry in winemaking.

My assistant Joe and I conducted many blending trials during the 15 months that the wines were aging before settling on the final blend. Only 19% was aged in new French oak barrels. The wines were blended, filtered and bottled in January 2019.

The wine has a medium-dark ruby color and a complex aroma of ripe black cherries, pomegranates and currants, with hints of red spices and blood oranges. A rich and sumptuous texture backed by intense flavors of ripe berries and spices is immediately noticeable on the palate in this full-bodied wine. The excellent natural acidity of the blend provides a long, rich and vibrant finish. The wine has a great balance of power and elegance.

This bold and powerful Pinot Noir will pair well with hearty foods such as lamb, duck and fine cuts of beef. I recommend decanting the wine 45-60 minutes prior to serving to allow the wine to open up.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Sandford & Benedict (44%),  
Fe Ciega (31%), La Encantada (25%)

**PRODUCTION:** 32 cases

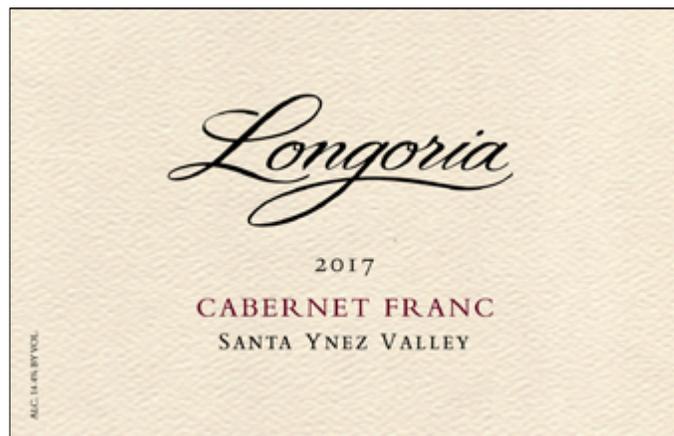
**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.6%

**pH:** 3.57

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.65 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Six to eight years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$70.00



### 2017 CABERNET FRANC

Santa Ynez Valley

THE FIRST TIME I WORKED WITH LOCALLY GROWN CABERNET Franc grapes in the late 1980s, I became a fan of this classic Bordeaux varietal from our wine region. Most years it's the driving force behind our Blues Cuvée and Evidence blends. My fondness for this noble grape inspired me to create this limited bottling of 100% Cabernet Franc.

The grapes were destemmed and crushed into small, open-top fermenters. After four days of cold soaking, the musts were inoculated with yeast. The fermentation lasted for 14 days, after which the wine was pressed off, settled for several days and then racked to French oak barrels for aging, of which 30% were new. After aging for 22 months the wines were blended, lightly filtered and bottled in August 2019.

The wine has a medium, dark ruby color. The aroma is a complex mixture of the classic Cabernet Franc green olives, blueberries, Greengage plums and hints of tobacco. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied with silky tannins and a moderately extracted texture followed by mineral-driven acidity. The flavors mirror the aromas, with an accent on berries and hints of oak vanillin. The finish is long and lingering. This is an elegant and exquisitely balanced Cabernet Franc and is destined to be enjoyed with a variety of cuisine.

This wine pairs nicely with herb-crusted lamb, duck with cherry glaze and pork loin.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Cabernet Franc

**VINEYARD SOURCES:** Camp 4 (58%), Valley View (42%)

**PRODUCTION:** 48 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.4%

**pH:** 3.59

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.65 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Six to nine years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$48.00



## Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

December 2019

### Longoria 2017 A Noir Supreme Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

**95 Points**

This ode to John Coltrane by Rick Longoria is a big and booming but balanced Pinot Noir, starting with aromas of boysenberry juice, clove and hickory smoke. The flavors are full and wrapped in a compelling texture of chalk and acid, offering strong black-raspberry and delicious baking-spice notes. abv:14.6% *Editor's Choice*

### Longoria 2017 Fe Ciega Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

**94 Points**

Floral tones of rose petal and lavender kick off the nose on this bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard, followed by waves of concentrated black plum and mace. The palate pairs boysenberry with black plum, lavender with lilac and licorice with nutmeg in a complex display. abv: 14.6%

### Longoria 2017 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills)

**90 Points**

The Labor Day 2017 heat spike likely played into this denser, higher alcohol bottling, which begins with dense aromas of boysenberry jam as well as lighter hints of forest floor. The palate is dense, with rich black-plum and elderberry flavors, lifted by hints of mint and flower petals. abv:15.6%



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## VINO DE SUEÑOS

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 3 to 6 p.m.**

**Santa Ynez Valley Marriott Hotel Ballroom**

**555 McMurray Road, Buellton, CA 93427**

Help support local vineyard, ranch and farm workers at this fun annual event showcasing a unique collection of wines paired with beautiful art labels courtesy of local winemakers and artists. Rick Longoria is a founding member of this program, now in its 11th year. Meet the winemakers and artists, nosh on gourmet appetizers, listen to live music and purchase wine in support of the workers that make our robust local food and wine culture possible. For more information and tickets: [www.vinodesuenos.com/the-event](http://www.vinodesuenos.com/the-event)

## ARTIST RECEPTION FOR ELIZABETH MONKS HACK: *SMALL TOWN ABSTRACTIONS*

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut, Lompoc, CA 93436**

The oil paintings of artist Elizabeth Monks Hack will be on view in the Longoria Winery Tasting Room from October 1 through December 31. The paintings are part of an ongoing series that reference the city's local buildings and environs, but with a fresh take on style and composition. The paintings are an ideal fit with the Longoria venue, a renovated historic building whose original structure was built in the early 1900s. The November 17 reception will feature complimentary light refreshments and Longoria Wines available for purchase.

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

**415 E. Chestnut, Lompoc, CA 93436**

Stop by our Holiday Open House to relax by the fire and enjoy beautiful carols sung by the Lompoc Valley Master Chorale! You can get in the holiday spirit while sipping hot, spiced cider or coffee and snacking on homemade Christmas cookies. You can also finish up your holiday shopping and pick up one our holiday gift packs for all of the wine lovers on your list this year. As always, we will have delicious Longoria wines available for tasting and purchase. This event is free to attend and open to people of all ages.

*Reorder any of the wines in your shipment within 30 days and get an extra 5% discount. Since these wines are available only to GTO members for 30 days you must place your order by email or phone. After 30 days these wines will be available to the main Club at the regular price.*

### **Our Tasting Rooms will be closed for the following holidays:**

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 28th

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st

We will close at 3 pm on New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st

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# LONGORIA CURRENT AND NEW RELEASES

<b>NEW RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT</b>	<b>BOTTLE PRICE</b>	<b>15% DISCOUNT</b>	<b>20% DISCOUNT</b>
2017 Pinot Noir, A Noir Supreme	\$70.00	\$59.50	\$56.00
2017 Cabernet Franc, Santa Ynez Valley	\$48.00	\$40.80	\$38.40
2017 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$70.00	\$59.50	\$56.00

<b>LIBRARY RELEASE IN THIS SHIPMENT</b>	<b>BOTTLE PRICE</b>	<b>15% DISCOUNT</b>	<b>20% DISCOUNT</b>
2013 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$80.00	\$68.00	\$64.00

<b>CURRENT RELEASES</b>	<b>BOTTLE PRICE</b>	<b>15% DISCOUNT</b>	<b>20% DISCOUNT</b>
2014 Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut Sparkling	\$65.00	\$55.25	\$52.00
2017 Albariño, Clover Creek Vineyard	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$20.00
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2014 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2015 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
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2014 Chardonnay, Rita's Crown Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2018 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian	\$22.00	\$18.70	\$17.60
2017 Pinot Noir, Lovely Rita	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$55.00	\$46.75	\$44.00
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2016 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Block M	\$75.00	\$63.75	\$60.00
2016 Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2015 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
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2015 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
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2016 Cabernet Franc, Santa Ynez Valley	\$48.00	\$40.80	\$38.40
Grenache, Santa Ynez Valley	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2016 Grenache, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2017 Grenache, Santa Ynez Valley	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2016 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley	\$36.00	\$30.60	\$28.80
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2014 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2016 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$70.00	\$59.50	\$56.00
2016 Syrah, Santa Barbara County	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2013 Syrah Reserva, Alisos Vineyard	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2012 Syrah, <i>Vino Dulce</i> , Port-Style Wine (375ml)	\$23.00	\$19.55	\$18.40