

# Longoria

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## A NOTE FROM RICK



WE ARE EXCITED TO BE RELEASING another round of fantastic new releases and library wines for the first Grand Tastevin Order Wine Club shipment of 2020.

The Library wines are the 2012 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard and the Blues Cuvée from the 2010 vintage. Both wines are showing the depth of flavor complexity that comes with extended bottle aging.

Our three new releases are the perfect summer quaffing wines. The 2019 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian is mostly Tempranillo this year and once again is crisp and refreshing. Our 2018 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard is our final release and I feel it's the best version of this wine we've produced. We have an exciting new Spanish varietal, Graciano, produced in 2018 from Two Wolves Vineyard, located east of Santa Ynez. Both of the latter two wines were produced in tiny, true garagiste quantities so I would encourage you to pop a bottle open soon and consider re-ordering more before the wines sell out.

We want to thank our GTO members for your continued support and appreciation of our special wines and selections from our Library. We look forward to seeing you at one of our club events or whenever you're visiting our wine region.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Longoria". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

— Rick Longoria, Winemaker

*These are the GTO releases for March 2020. 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



### 2019 PINK WINE

Santa Ynez Valley - **Cuvée June & Vivian**

IN 2007, DIANA AND I INTRODUCED A PINK WINE, OR ROSÉ, to commemorate the birth of our first granddaughter, June. In 2016 we were blessed with our second granddaughter, Vivian. We happily renamed our pink wine to celebrate both of our granddaughters.

The Tempranillo grapes were destemmed and crushed into harvest bins for 5½ hours to extract the desired amount of color from the skins. The juice was pressed off to settle in a small tank. After a 24-hour settling period, the juice was racked to stainless steel drums to begin fermentation. Small quantities of lightly colored juice from our Syrah must was drawn off and added to the Tempranillo during fermentation. 13 days later the wine was racked to stainless steel drums to age. A small amount of Pinot Grigio was blended in to add complexity to the aromatics and strengthen the acid structure. The final blend was filtered and bottled in January 2020.

The wine has a pale, rose gold color with delicate aromas of freshly cut watermelon and strawberry pie. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied with surprisingly rich and substantial flavors of strawberries and ripe cantaloupe.

This rosé is perfect for summer picnics. Pair it with a cantaloupe, mozzarella and prosciutto salad or a crab-stuffed avocado. Serve moderately chilled.

**COMPOSITION:** Tempranillo (84%), Syrah (12%),

Pinot Grigio (4%)

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Clover Creek

**PRODUCTION:** 50 cases

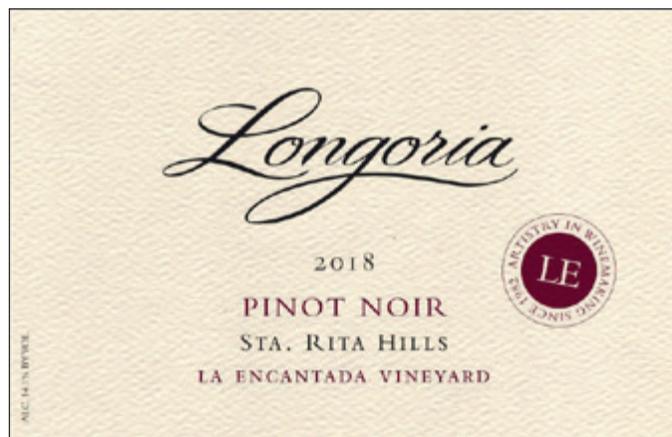
**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 12.4%

**pH:** 3.72

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.57 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Nine to twelve months

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$25.00



### 2018 PINOT NOIR

Sta. Rita Hills - **La Encantada Vineyard**

Located directly south of our estate vineyard, Fe Ciega, this esteemed vineyard was planted by pioneer vintner and longtime friend Richard Sanford. I source my fruit from a block planted to the Dijon 777 clone. To reduce our portfolio of single-vineyard Pinot Noirs we produce, this 2018 bottling is the last wine I will make from this beloved vineyard.

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into a small, open-top fermenter. The must was cold-soaked for three days, then inoculated with yeast. After a 9-day fermentation, the wine was pressed off, settled in a tank and transferred to all neutral French oak barrels to begin aging. 14 months later, the wine was lightly filtered and bottled in February 2020.

The wine has a vivid, medium dark, ruby color. The aromas are a beguiling mix of candied cranberries, oriental spices, cedar and oak forest. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied with tart and sweet, juicy red fruits balanced with light and silky tannins. The finish is exquisitely long and vibrant. After extended bottle aging, this beautifully balanced wine will intrigue Pinot Noir lovers with its nuance and complexity.

Enjoy this wine with a variety of foods including wild game such as rabbit, quail or duck served with a berry and red wine sauce.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** La Encantada

**PRODUCTION:** 35 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.1%

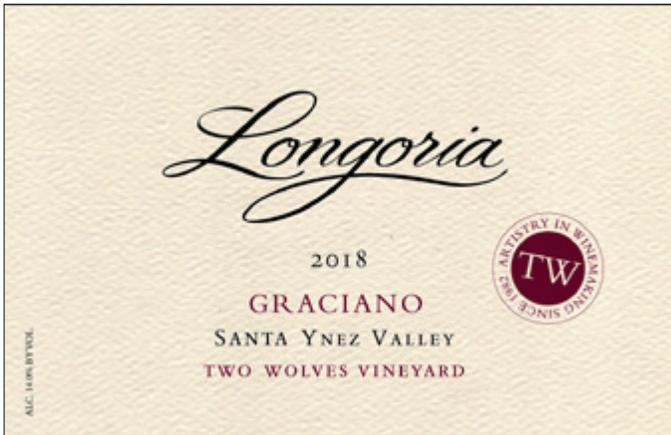
**pH:** 3.42

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.61 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Six to nine years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$50.00

# WINEMAKER NOTES, CONTINUED



## 2018 GRACIANO

Santa Ynez Valley - **Two Wolves Vineyard**

I BECAME INTRIGUED BY SPANISH GRAPE VARIETALS DURING my first visit in the mid-90s to Spain's wine regions. Subsequent tours of Spain with our wine club members have only deepened my interest in their local grapes. When I learned a small quantity of Graciano fruit was available, I jumped at this rare opportunity to work with this grape. I originally planned to blend it into our Tempranillo, which is commonly done in Spain. But after tasting the wine's unique character, I felt it needed to be shared with our members and customers.

Just prior to bottling I blended in a small amount of Grenache, or Garnacha as it is referred to in Spain, for added complexity.

The wine has a vivid, medium dark, ruby red color. The unique aromas can be described as a complex mix of flower blossoms, violets and blackberries with hints of anise and mint in the background. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied with flavors of tart currants and plums. The combination of silky tannins and high acidity give the wine a vibrant texture that persists on the palate.

This wine will pair well with many foods. I suggest trying it with Indian chicken curry dishes or a selection of charcuterie that includes Spanish chorizo and a variety of Spanish cheeses such as Mahon, Manchego, Idiazabal and Tetilla, along with Marcona almonds.

### COMPOSITION:

Graciano – Two Wolves Vineyard (92%)

Grenache – Liefv Vineyard (8%)

**PRODUCTION:** 40 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.0%

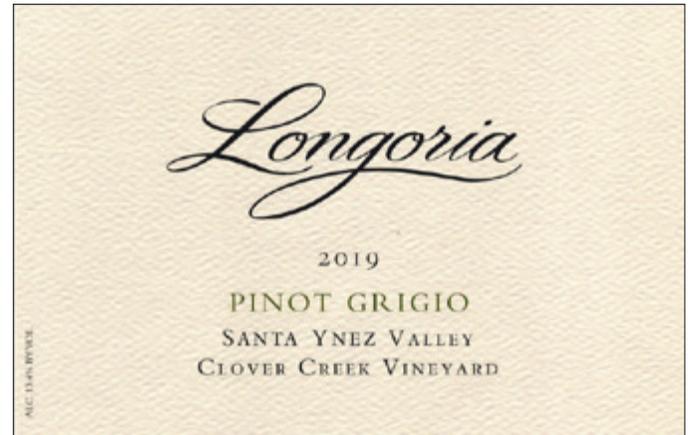
**pH:** 3.55

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.67 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Three to five years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$35.00

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## 2019 PINOT GRIGIO

Santa Ynez Valley - **Clover Creek Vineyard**

THE MILD WEATHER DURING THE 2019 GROWING SEASON and harvest was very similar to that of 2018. Summer's even temperatures allowed me to harvest the Pinot Grigio grapes from Clover Creek Vineyard on September 12<sup>th</sup> with perfectly balanced acidity and at the ideal sugar content of 21.4 Brix.

The grapes were whole-cluster pressed and settled in a tank for 24 hours. The juice was racked to another stainless-steel tank to undergo an 18-day fermentation. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked to stainless-steel barrels to age before being bottled in January 2020.

The wine's pale, straw gold color is typical of this varietal. While pouring, strong aromas of pears and citrus blossoms jump out of the glass. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied and luxurious with full flavors of baked pears, nutmeg and banana custard. The crisp acidity gives the wine a long, lingering finish. This wine is not shy!

This wine is delightful by itself as a warm weather aperitif. It also pairs beautifully with Mediterranean summer salads and pasta with pancetta and asparagus.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Grigio

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Clover Creek

**PRODUCTION:** 183 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.4%

**pH:** 3.47

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.57 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** One to two years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$25.00

# LIBRARY RELEASES



## LIBRARY RELEASE: 2012 PINOT NOIR

Sta. Rita Hills - **Fe Ciega Vineyard**

IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO RELEASE AN OLDER VINTAGE OF Pinot Noir from our estate vineyard, Fe Ciega. The combination of our style of winemaking, and the exceptional quality fruit grown at our vineyard, yields wines that age longer than most domestic Pinot Noir and with greater depth of character and complexity.

An initial sign of this wine's aging potential is observing the color of this Pinot Noir. It retains its dark ruby color with no noticeable hint of browning in the edges. The aromas have begun to evolve from fresh fruit-based aromas to more complex aromas of fruitcake and dried cherries with hints of orange rind. On the palate the wine has a rich texture and complex flavors similar to those in the aroma. The balanced level of acidity enables the flavors to linger on the finish. I recommend decanting this wine 30 minutes prior to serving.

Enjoy this wine with filet mignon or wild game such as veal, quail, rabbit and duck.

**COMPOSITION:** 100% Pinot Noir

**VINEYARD SOURCE:** Fe Ciega

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 360 cases

**LIBRARY QUANTITY:** 14 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 14.3%

**pH:** 3.50

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.60 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Additional three to five years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$75.00



## LIBRARY RELEASE:

### 2010 BLUES CUVÉE

Santa Barbara County - **Red Wine**

THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND time we've released a Library selection of our Blues Cuvée. I was inspired to set aside 10 cases of this vintage based on my tastings of older vintages of the Blues Cuvée, realizing how amazingly well they have aged.

The color of the wine is a medium dark ruby color with a hint of orange developing in the

edges. The powerful nose is dominated by the ripe berry and slightly herbal aroma of the Cabernet Franc in this blend. There are also nuances of tobacco, dark chocolate and roasting coffee beans in the aroma. On the palate the wine is rich, with silky tannins and excellent acidity. The flavors are similar to those found in the aroma. I recommend decanting the wine 30 minutes prior to serving

Enjoy this wine with a variety of foods including barbecued meats, and braised short ribs.

## COMPOSITION:

Cabernet Franc (45%)

Syrah (30%)

Cabernet Sauvignon (13%)

Merlot (10%)

Malbec (2%)

**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** 254 cases

**LIBRARY QUANTITY:** 10 cases

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.7%

**pH:** 3.46

**TITRATABLE ACIDITY:** 0.66 g/100 ml.

**CELLARING POTENTIAL:** Additional three to five years

**BOTTLE PRICE:** \$60.00

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## GRAND TASTEVIN ORDER CLUB PICK-UP & TASTING WITH RICK

*GTO Members Only*

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**1 pm to 3 pm**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

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

Members of our Grand Tastevin Order (GTO) Wine Club are invited to a sit-down tasting with Owner/Winemaker Rick Longoria to sample the small-production and library release wines featured in their March Shipment. Learn about the wines from the winemaker himself while enjoying some delicious cheese pairings. This event is free for GTO members; however, space is limited, and RSVP is required.

## LONGORIA WINERY SPRING OPEN HOUSE & WINE CLUB PICK-UP

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Noon to 3 pm**

**Longoria Winery Tasting Room**

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

Celebrate spring and taste our April Wine Club releases at our Winery Tasting Room! We will also have live music and delicious food available for purchase. This event is free to attend and open to the public.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### **Wine Club Members-Only Appreciation Day**

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **GTO Members Luncheon**

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## LONGORIA WINEMAKER DINNER

**AT THE BALLARD INN GATHERING TABLE**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**6:30 pm**

**The Ballard Inn**

**2436 Baseline Avenue, Ballard, CA 93463 (near Solvang)**

Chef Budi Kazali and Winemaker Rick Longoria are collaborating once again for a show-stopping winemaker dinner. Reservations are limited and must be made in advance with The Ballard Inn by calling 805.688.7770.



## 2020 SCHEDULE OF RELEASES

### WINE CLUB

**April:** 2019 Albariño, Clover Creek Vineyard  
2018 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vyd.  
2018 Grenache, Santa Barbara County

**October:** 2018 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana  
2018 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard  
2018 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley

### GRAND TASTEVIN ORDER

**November:** 2018 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Block M  
2018 Cabernet Franc, Santa Barbara Co.

2018 Evidence, Santa Barbara County  
2014 Evidence (Library Wine)

# LONGORIA CURRENT AND NEW RELEASES

NEW RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2019 Pink Wine, Cuvée June & Vivian	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$20.00
2018 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2018 Graciano, Two Wolves Vineyard	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
LIBRARY RELEASES IN THIS SHIPMENT	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2012 Pinot Noir, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$75.00	\$63.75	\$60.00
2010 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$60.00	\$51.00	\$48.00
OTHER NEW RELEASES	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2019 Pinot Grigio, Santa Ynez Valley	\$25.00	\$21.25	\$20.00
CURRENT RELEASES	BOTTLE PRICE	15% DISCOUNT	20% DISCOUNT
2014 Blanc de Blancs Extra Brut Sparkling	\$65.00	\$55.25	\$52.00
2014 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Chardonnay, Fe Ciega Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2016 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2017 Chardonnay, Cuvée Diana	\$45.00	\$38.25	\$36.00
2017 Pinot Noir, Lovely Rita	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2018 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
2016 Pinot Noir, La Encantada Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2015 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2016 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2017 Pinot Noir, Sanford & Benedict Vineyard	\$50.00	\$42.50	\$40.00
2017 Pinot Noir, A Noir Supreme	\$70.00	\$59.50	\$56.00
2015 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2016 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$30.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
2017 Blues Cuvée, Santa Barbara County	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2016 Cabernet Franc, Santa Ynez Valley	\$48.00	\$40.80	\$38.40
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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
2017 Tempranillo, Santa Ynez Valley	\$36.00	\$30.60	\$28.80
2016 Evidence, Bordeaux-Style Blend	\$70.00	\$59.50	\$56.00
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2016 Syrah, Santa Barbara County	\$35.00	\$29.75	\$28.00
2017 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

## REMINDER

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

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