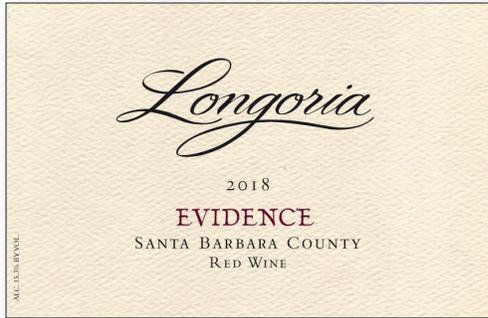


# Longoria

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## 2018 EVIDENCE

Santa Barbara County – Red Wine

### History

For over 40 years, I've used locally grown grapes to produce my Bordeaux-style wines. During those years, I've explored many local vineyards looking for varietals that best exemplify Santa Barbara County's unique climate and terroir. The results of those explorations are in this bottle. This blend is evidence that our wine region can produce a world class Bordeaux-style blend.

### The Harvest

During the growing season and harvest of 2018, we experienced mild temperatures which resulted in relatively late harvest dates for the Bordeaux grape varietals. Harvest dates for the varietals in this blend ranged from October 30th to November 6th.

### Winemaking

The grapes were 100% destemmed and crushed into small, open top fermenters. After four days of cold soaking, the musts were inoculated with yeast and fermented for an average of 12 days. The wines were pressed off, settled for several days and then racked to French oak barrels for aging. The wines aged in 25% new French oak barrels for 22 months before they were blended, lightly filtered and bottled in August 2020.

### The Wine

The wine has a very dark ruby color. The dominant aromas are from the Cabernet Franc's olive and herb notes, followed by accents of black licorice and dried fruits. On the palate the wine is medium-bodied with smooth tannins and excellent acidity. The flavors are similar to the aromas with an added hint of black cherries. This is a beautifully well-balanced wine that I recommend decanting 40-60 minutes prior to serving.

### Food Pairings

This wine will pair well with fine cuts of beef, lamb chops and other grilled meats, as well as flavorful cheeses.

## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Composition:

53% Cabernet Franc – Camp 4 & Valley View Vineyards

Camp 4 Vineyard (19%)

Valley View Vineyard (34%)

24% Cabernet Sauvignon – Happy Canyon Vineyard

23% Merlot – Alisos Vineyard

**Production:** 47 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 15.3%

**pH:** 3.71

**Titrateable acidity:** 0.61 g/100ml

**Cellaring potential:** Seven to ten years

**Bottle price:** \$70.00

Rick Longoria, Winemaker  
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