

Wine Advocate Praises Longoria

2013 Longoria Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard

91 Points

A ripe, fruit loaded effort that gives up tons of black fruits, ground herbs, spice and licorice, the 2013 Pinot Noir Fe Ciega Vineyard (destemmed and aged 14 months in 38% new French oak) is medium-bodied, supple, rounded and a touch chunky on the palate. It has some oak to integrate, yet it's nicely concentrated and textured, and has plenty to like. It should be better in a year or so and keep through 2023.

2014 Longoria Pinot Noir Sanford & Benedict Vineyard

93 Points

A rich, concentrated and textured beauty, with notes of cassis, toasty oak, licorice and spice, the 2014 Pinot Noir Sanford and Benedict Vineyard has a rockin' mid-palate, ripe tannin and enough structure and grip to warrant a year or two in the cellar. Completely destemmed and aged 15 months in 39% new French oak, it's a beautiful wine from this estate.

2014 Longoria Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N

91 Points

Leading off the reds and offering lots of baking spices, sweet black raspberry, underbrush and a hint of barnyard, the 2014 Pinot Noir Bien Nacido Vineyard (comes from 40-year-old Martini clones and aged 16 months in 35% new French oak) is rich, fruit-filled and nicely balanced on the palate. I love its fruit, and it should drink nicely for 5-7 years.

2014 Longoria Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard

89 Points

Mullberry, black raspberry, sappy flowers, licorice and spice box are some of the defining notes here, and the 2014 Pinot Noir La Encantada Vineyard is medium-bodied, juicy and structured on the palate. It needs a year in bottle to round into form and will drink well for 5-6 years after that.

2014 Longoria Pinot Noir Lovely Rita

88 Points

The 2014 Pinot Noir Lovely Rita is from a mix of vineyards (mostly Fe Ciega) and spent 11 months in 12% new oak. It has lots of underbrush, juicy berry fruit and spice in a plump, charming, pure and lively style that shines for its sheer drinkability.

