

Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

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2015 Cuvée Diana Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

93 Points

Bright and fresh aromas of pomelo pith, grapefruit flesh, guava skins and tangerine souffle show on the nose of this top-tier Chardonnay by veteran Rick Longoria. Clean and crisp flavors of mandarin pith and a crushed marble minerality give backbone to the richer touches of macadamia nut, cashew and the slightest kiss of buttercream. abv: 13.4%



2015 Fe Ciega Vineyard Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

91 Points

This tightly wound, still very young bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard needs a little time to open up, but when it does, there are grapefruit pith, candied lemon rind and freezedried honeydew aromas to enjoy. The texture is tremendously chalky, delivering flavors of lime skin, apple rind and orange candies. abv: 13%



2016 Clover Creek Vineyard Albariño (Santa Ynez Valley)

91 Points

Plump aromas of poached pear, Meyer lemon pith, honeysuckle and an underlying slate-like minerality hit the nose on this bottling. There's a roundness to the palate of Asian pear, but the sip is all about grippy texture and sizzling citrus energy that carries deep into the finish. abv: 13.9%

