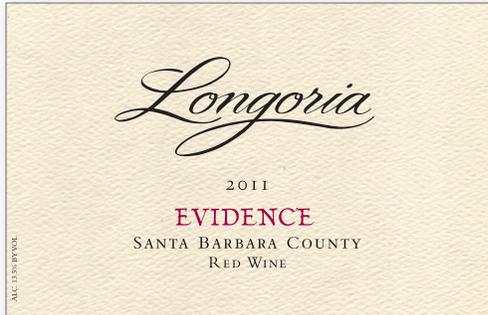


# Longoria

ARTISTRY IN WINEMAKING SINCE 1982



## TECHNICAL NOTES

### Composition:

Cabernet Franc – Aliso Vineyard (33%)  
Cabernet Sauvignon – Grassini Vineyard (31%)  
Merlot – Aliso Vineyard (24%)  
Malbec – Rancho Sisquoc Vineyard (12%)

**Production:** 85 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 13.5%

**pH:** 3.44

**Titrateable acidity:** .69 g/100 ml.

**Cellaring potential:** Six to nine years

**Bottle price:** \$42.00

## 2011 EVIDENCE

Santa Barbara County – Red Wine

Since our first vintage in 2000, we have felt that this blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec is “evidence” that traditional Bordeaux grapes can excel in Santa Barbara County.

Generally cool weather defined the 2011 harvest. The grapes were harvested from October 19th to October 26th with an average sugar content of 24.3 Brix. The extended harvest time allowed the grapes to develop their flavors over a longer period of time, which I prefer to a quick ripening that occurs during hot weather.

All of the grapes were entirely destemmed and crushed into small open top fermenters. After a 3 day cold soak, the must was inoculated with yeast and fermentation proceeded for an average of 12 days. The wines were pressed off and settled into stainless steel tanks before being racked to barrels for aging. After 21 months the wines were blended, lightly fined, filtered, and bottled in August 2013. The new oak component was 35% for this blend.

The wine has a dark ruby color. The aromas exude a complex blend of currants, cedar, and green olives with a hint of coconut from the oak vanillin. This medium-bodied wine displays rich flavors of cherries accented with sweet vanillin from the oak. The oak is nicely integrated and lends a long and slightly toasty finish to the wine. The tannins and acidity are very well balanced, making this an excellent wine to enjoy with food.

Pair with a fine cut of steak accented with mushrooms or braised short ribs.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker  
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