

# Longoria

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## 2012 BLUES CUVÉE

Santa Barbara County

This is the 20th vintage of the Blues Cuvée, our proprietary blend with artistic labels that pay tribute to one of the great American musical forms – the Blues. The art for this year's label was provided by the young and talented Salt Lake City artist, Brad Greenwell. It is a beautiful depiction of a saxophonist deep in musical meditation.

The blend consists of four of the traditional Bordeaux grape varieties plus a healthy dose of Syrah. All of the lots were entirely destemmed, crushed and fermented in small open-top tanks. After a 21-month aging period in French oak barrels, of which 20% were new, the components were blended, fined and filtered before being bottled in July 2014.

The wine has a dark ruby color and a powerful and fragrant mix of black cherries, herbs, potpourri and flower blossoms. On the palate the wine has flavors of red and black berries with a hint of sweet oak vanillin. The moderate tannins combined with the relatively high acidity give the wine a tight structure which additional bottle aging will resolve. This is definitely a wine that is at its best when paired with food such as grilled meats and spicy Mediterranean fare.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### Composition:

Cabernet Franc (43%)  
Cabernet Sauvignon (24%)  
Syrah (23%)  
Malbec (6%)  
Merlot (4%)

**Production:** 290 cases

**Alcohol by volume:** 13.9%

**pH:** 3.51

**Titrateable acidity:** 0.66 g/100 ml.

**Cellaring potential:** Five to eight years

**Retail price:** \$30.00

Rick Longoria, *Winemaker*  
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