



Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

Reviews from the March 2019 Issue

Longoria 2016 Lovely Rita Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) Cellar Selection

93 Points

Rick Longoria has been making age-worthy Pinot Noir since the 1980s, and this bottling fits right into that legacy. Aromas of black plum, damp forest floor and pine wood lead into a structurally sound, very dry palate of boysenberry, tarragon, dill and smoke. Drink now–2036. abv: 13.5%

Longoria 2016 Cuvée Diana Chardonnay (Sta. Rita Hills)

92 Points

This bottling needs some time to breathe, but once it opens, there are aromas of oak, Meyer lemon and grapefruit pith on the nose. The palate combines flavors of salty crushed nuts and savory broth with lemony acidity. It walks the line between a racy and rich feel. abv: 13.9%

Longoria 2016 Evidence Red (Santa Barbara County) Cellar Selection

92 Points

Intense and dark berry fruit meet with black pepper, roasted beef and firm oak spice on the nose of this blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Candied blackberry flavors and wood spice are held together by firm, elegant tannins. Drink 2020–2031. abv: 14.8%

Longoria 2017 Clover Creek Vineyard Albariño (Santa Ynez Valley)

90 Points

Tightly woven aromas of chalky mandarin zest and faint nectarine show on the fresh nose of this bottling by Rick Longoria. There is bright lemony flavor and crushed chalk minerality on the palate, and the acid just won't quit, even days after opening the bottle. abv: 13%

