



Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

Reviews from the April 2019 Issue

Longoria 2015 Fe Ciega Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **95 Points**

Broad aromas of red currant and boysenberry meet with wet slate, forest moss and damp herbs on the nose of this bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard. There are tons of sagebrush, potpourri and dried rose petals on the sip, with floral and tea leaf flavors playing against the fresh red-fruit core. abv: 13.9%

Longoria 2016 Tempranillo (Sta. Rita Hills) **94 Points**

There's something addictive about the smoky notes on this wine, starting with a nose that's full of roasted beef, hickory-smoked meat and toasted peppercorn aromas. The palate combines black cherry, vanilla and nutmeg with rich coffee and smoked pork flavors.abv: 15.2%

Longoria 2016 Bien Nacido Vineyard Block N Pinot Noir (Santa Maria Valley) **92 Points**

There's an intriguing mix of opulence and earthy funk to the nose of this bottling, which offers aromas of forest floor and dark-red fruit on the nose. The palate's richer berry fruits are layered across flavors of turned loam and shiitake mushroom.abv: 13.7%

Longoria 2016 Fe Ciega Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

Dark-black plum, cracked pepper and turned earth show on the nose of this bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard. The palate is very tightly wound, offering dark clove spice alongside the dried plum flavors.abv: 14.3%

Longoria 2016 Block M Fe Ciega Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

Very earthy and leathery on the nose, this single-block bottling shows deep and hearty aromas of plum and mulberry as well as roasted game. The palate surrounds an earthy core, where black plum and cardamom cling to a tightly wound structure. abv: 14.7%

Longoria 2016 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

There's a strong sense of Old World earth on the nose of this bottling, which shows aromas of blackberry, new leather and forest floor on the nose. The palate is loaded with dark-plum and turned-earth flavors, rounded by a smokier finish.abv: 13.8%

Longoria 2016 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

There is a strong mushroomy, wet-earth element to the nose of this bottling, with subtle raspberry fruit emerging in the background. The palate combines that brighter red fruit with savory flashes of sesame and char, with plenty of turned loam throughout. abv: 14.5%

