



Wine Enthusiast Praises Longoria's New Releases

Reviews from the May 2018 Issue

Longoria 2015 Block N Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir (Santa Maria Valley) **94 Points**

There's an epic play between ripe fruit and earthy elements in this block-designated bottling from a block planted in the 1970s, showing candied cherry and raspberry on the nose along with crushed mint, moist creek bed soils and a hint of game. Black raspberry and black plum make for a hearty start to the sip, which is leveled by cherrywood smoke, spicy bay leaf and sagebrush. Editors' Choice. abv: 13.7%

Longoria 2015 Sanford & Benedict Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **92 Points**

Veteran Rick Longoria's take on this historic vineyard starts with dark cranberry and ripe plum notes on the nose, and then comes a slightly gamy quality alongside crushed gravel and sweet sagebrush. The palate carries boysenberry, loamy soil and more chaparral spice, with an intriguingly layered texturality. abv: 14.3%

Longoria 2015 La Encantada Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

Rusty aromas of raspberry and cranberry meet with dust, turned earth and a slightly gamy funk on the dynamic nose of this bottling from veteran vintner Rick Longoria. That feral quality extends to the palate, where chaparral herbs and peppery spices add intrigue to the wild cranberry flavors. It is well structured with lots of depth to the finish. abv: 13.8%

Longoria 2014 Fe Ciega Vineyard Pinot Noir (Sta. Rita Hills) **91 Points**

Concentrated sarsaparilla, dark red cherry, wet loam, sagebrush and a slightly funk aromas show on the nose of this bottling from Rick Longoria's estate vineyard. That slightly sour funk quality extends to the sip as well, giving wild and rustic Old World nuance to dark berry, leather and crushed slate flavors. abv: 13.5%

