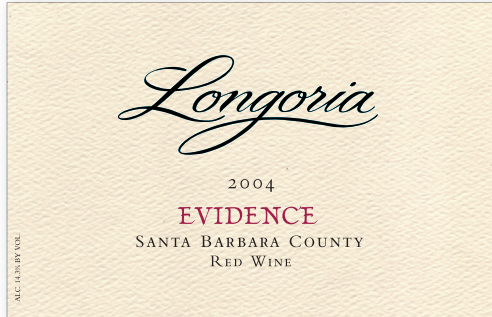


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2004 EVIDENCE

Santa Barbara County – Red Wine

We are very excited to release our third bottling of Evidence. For the first time, the blend is composed of four of the classic Bordeaux grape varietals. Cabernet Franc remains as the predominant grape in the blend. The Merlot brings a racy, tannic component to the blend, while the Malbec contributes floral aromas, and the Cabernet Sauvignon adds rich tobacco and cedar flavors.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Composition:

Cabernet Franc (61%)

Merlot (16%)

Cabernet Sauvignon (12%)

Malbec (11%)

Vineyards: Alisos, Vogelzang, Barnwood and Purisma Mountain

Production: 198 cases

Alcohol by volume: 14.3%

pH: 3.44

Titriable acidity: 0.72g/100 ml.

The color of the wine is a brilliant dark ruby red. The nose of the wine exhibits aromas of plums and black cherries with a hint of cherry tobacco and menthol. On the palate the wine is rich, with flavors similar to the aromas accented with vanillin. At this early state of the wines' development, the strong tannins and moderate acidity combine to close in on the flavors and create a very long lingering finish. This wine needs to be decanted for an hour or more to allow it to open up before serving. At the moment, the wine is showing its refinement and complexity, but is also showing its youthful brashness. Much of this can be tamed with the appropriate food pairing, such as rosemary infused lamb. This wine will be most enjoyable with at least five years of cellaring. I expect it to reach a peak of development in eight to twelve years and perhaps longer.

Rick Longoria, Winemaker

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