



Nestled in a pristine alpine valley in southwestern Oregon's rugged Siskiyou Mountain range, Foris Vineyards has been a true viticultural pioneer for over thirty five years. Specializing in Alsace varietals and Pinot Noir, Foris Vineyards consistently garners accolades for both quality and value. The dramatic natural beauty and purity of our surrounding environment is reflected in the vibrant epicurean wines that have earned us a place in some of America's finest restaurants and wine shops.

2008 Maple Ranch Pinot Noir

Harvest

The Maple Ranch is found approximately three miles north-east of our winery, tucked up against a vast wooded wilderness that is home to more bears and cougars than it will ever see people. The century old farm house at the properties entrance attests to the rich agricultural history of this remote vineyard property and makes one reflect on the spirit and determination of the regions early settlers.

Winemaking

The thirty two acres of Pinot Noir on Maple Ranch are planted to twelve different clones, both self-rooted and on selected rootstock. This diversity of plant material, along with the varied topography and soil depths, yields numerous expressions of Pinot Noir from which we assemble our top cuvee. In the selection process, we are not simply looking for the "biggest" or ripest lots, but for depth and complexities that invite contemplation as well as giving pleasure.

Tasting Notes

This 2008 offering gives a classic picture of both the Maple Ranch and the Foris "house style". The first impression is of focused red fruits, giving just a nod to the black cherry end of the spectrum. The palate shows an appealing mix of subtle but distinctive spices. Star anise, cinnamon and clove meld nicely with the judicious use of French oak. Vibrant acidity offers the perfect foil to the richness of the wine and gives the balance that allows for graceful development in bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2015.

Analysis

Harvest brix 23.9, pH 3.51, TA 7.4, alcholo/vol 13.6%, cases 501