



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 Alsatian 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.

2013 Cabernet Franc

Varietal offerings of Cabernet Franc are not the norm, yet this distinguished varietal plays an important role in many Bordeaux blends. Depending upon the country and region, it expresses its personality in a diverse array of styles. They may range from a mix of dark fruits and fine herbs to quite vegetal in its aromas and flavors. At its best, it provides an abundance of floral aromatics; the color tinted a deep purple hue, a wine of great structure and longevity.

The fruit for this bottling was sourced entirely from Evans Creek Vineyard and is fastidiously farmed by Nancy Tappan. At the very top of the steeply terraced hillside sits "Nancy's Folly" block of Cabernet Franc. This block is very unique in that Cabernet Franc is notorious for being a very late ripening variety, yet Nancy's Folly always ripens early. Evans Creek Vineyard has long been a source of exceptional fruit for us and is distinguished by very low yielding vines with beautiful clusters of small berries.

While the wine is not overtly fruity or markedly herbaceous as some Cabernet Francs can be, it is none the less detailed with black currant, dried black cherry, dusty mineral, bay leaf and new leather. Rich, yet not big and overpowering, it is a medium weight wine that is both nervy and punctuated with notes of dried herbs, pipe tobacco, cured meats, anise and Earl Grey tea.

Average brix at harvest: 24.6

Analysis at bottling: 3.79 pH, TA 6.15, alcohol 14.5%

117 cases bottled 6/24/2015