

FORIS VINEYARDS

Rosé of Pinot Noir

2019

THIS ESTATE GROWN OREGON ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR WAS MADE IN AN EXUBERANT STYLE AND IS RICH IN SUSTAINABLE ENTHUSIASM. ENJOY!

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.

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Foris wines are defined by our alpine climate due to our unique location. Our estate vineyards and winery are located at 1500 feet within the Rogue Valley AVA, Oregon --- in the Illinois Valley within the Siskiyou Mountains. Established in 1976, the Gerber family has been farming grapes for over forty years, specializing in Alsace white varieties and Pinot Noir, which are especially well suited to our microclimate.

The 2019 vintage was a classic Oregon vintage with a significantly smaller than average crop, due to low fruit set in the spring. A slow start in the spring had average bud break dates, but delayed growth in the early part of the growing season. Warm late summer weather accelerated fruit development and led to similar late September and early October harvest dates as the previous two years. Our naturally high elevation retained good acidity in the fruit.

Our 2019 Pinot Noir Rosé is 100% estate fruit, composed of the Pommard clone from two of our oldest blocks on Maple Ranch Vineyard. The fruit was hand harvested in mid-September. One lot was pressed whole cluster and another lot was de-stemmed into bins for two hours before being loaded into the press. After settling for 48 hours, the juice was racked off solids and fermented at low temperatures in stainless steel tank and neutral oak and aged on lees for three months.

Pale pink, our 2019 Pinot Noir Rosé has aromas of tuberose and melon. On the palate, the our rosé of pinot noir has a fresh array of flavors such as pomelo, watermelon and lemon, with lingering notes of orange zest.

Harvested 9/20/19 – 9/22/19

Brix at harvest: 22.0

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.23 , 6.3 g/L TA, Alcohol 13.2%, 0.5 g/L RS

Bottled 1/30/20

Cases produced: 870