



*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 varieties 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.*

## 2016 Cedar Ranch Pinot Noir, Estate

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. Foris wines are defined by the unique alpine location of our estate vineyards at 1500 feet elevation. Located in the southwestern region of the Rogue Valley AVA, our wines are a true expression of the unique soils and alpine climate of the Illinois Valley in Rogue Valley, Oregon.

Cedar Ranch was planted in 2009 and its blocks of Pinot Noir have consistently shown lovely wines worthy of single vineyard bottling, even early in its life. The site is the warmest of our estate vineyards and its rocky soils are exceptionally well-drained. A well planned selection of Dijon clones, 113, 114, 115, 667, 777, and Pommard are planted in twelve separate blocks.

Harvest completed in our estate vineyards on September 23, 2016. Warm summer conditions resulted in another early and compact harvest in 2016. The wines produced in 2016 will be similar to those produced in the vintages of 2014 and 2015 in flavor and fruit characteristics.

Our 2016 Cedar Ranch Pinot Noir is composed of clones 113 and 777. The fruit was hand-harvested at night time temperatures, de-stemmed, and fermented whole berry in small open-top fermentation bins. The three-quarter ton bins are gently punched down for the duration of the 10 to 14 day fermentation. Once primary fermentation is complete, the wines are racked to French oak barrels (30% once filled) for 20 months of barrel aging.

Dark cranberry in hue, our 2016 Cedar Ranch Pinot Noir is fragrant with black raspberry, white pepper, baking spices and a characteristic rich floral note. The palate melds flavors of berry compote, jamaica, pomegranate and barrel spice with an opulent palate, reflective of the vintage.

Average brix at harvest: 23.4

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.45, TA 5.5 g/L, Alcohol 13.9%

361 cases bottled 6/21/2018