

FORIS VINEYARDS

Rosé of Pinot Noir

2018

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.

2018 Pinot Noir Rosé *Estate Grown, Rogue Valley, Oregon*

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 2018 vintage was a quality vintage that had delightful worry-free weather. Despite the larger than average crop, berries were small, concentrated and there was ample time for fruit to slowly ripen. Mild summer weather led into our typical harvest date in the end of September. An exceptionally mild autumn extended harvest into the third week of October with no rains to interrupt development. Our naturally high elevation and the mild summer retained good acidity in the fruit.

Our 2018 Pinot Noir Rosé is 100% estate fruit, composed of the 777 clone from two of our oldest blocks on Maple Ranch. The fruit was harvested in mid-September, de-stemmed into bins with skin contact for several hours before being pressed. After settling for two days, the juice was racked off solids and fermented in stainless steel to capture the bright fresh fruit character.

Pale pink, our 2018 Pinot Noir Rosé has aromas of freesias, magnolia and lemon thyme. The wine is round, full on the palate, and mouthwateringly juicy with fresh strawberry, melon, white pepper with a twist of lime at the finish.

Harvested 9/18/2018

Brix at harvest: 21.1

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.20, 6.5 g/l TA, Alcohol 13.2%, RS 0.5 g/L

Bottled 3/28/19

Cases produced: 469