



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.

2017 Tempranillo, *Rogue Valley, Oregon*

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.

Harvest completed in our Bordeaux vineyards in late October. The 2017 vintage was a welcome return to a more classic vintage after four consecutive warm years. The winter was one of the snowiest on record, with delayed bud break in April and bloom in late June. Warm summer weather followed and harvest began end of September. The subsequent mild autumn and early frost extended harvest as the grapes matured slowly with the cooler weather, and our high elevation lent us cool nights so we naturally retain acid in the fruit. Our 2017 wines will be more similar in characteristics to 2010 than our more recent vintages.

Our 2017 Tempranillo is 90% estate grown from our home ranch vineyards. 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 wine is racked to French oak barrels (50% once filled) for 18 months of barrel aging. The blend includes 9% Malbec.

Our 2017 Tempranillo has a reductive fresh fruit character with fresh blueberry and black fruit, mocha, and chocolate, integrated with baking spices on the palate. It is medium-bodied with juicy fresh fruit qualities, good acid and dusty tannin.

Harvested 10/13/17

Average brix at harvest: 25.4

Analysis at bottling: 3.54 pH, 5.8 g/L TA, 14.2% alcohol

Bottled 6/27/19

Cases Produced: 267