



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 Cabernet Sauvignon, Rogue Valley, Oregon

The 2018 vintage was a quality vintage that had delightful weather. Despite the larger than average crop, berries were small, concentrated and there was ample time for fruit to slowly ripen. We had mild summer weather due to filtered sunlight and relatively low heat for the majority of the growing season. Once the skies cleared close to harvest, the heat kicked in and 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 Cabernet Sauvignon is composed of a single lot. The fruit was harvested in early October from Stargazer Vineyard in Applegate Valley, on a steep, south-facing terraced hillside with fruit that is beautifully concentrated. The fruit was hand-harvested, 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 (25% once filled) for 15 months of barrel aging.

Our 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon has restrained black fruit aromatics with savory notes of dried herbs. The palate features great concentrated flavors of blueberry, plum preserves integrated with baking chocolate, graphite and cedar. The wine is an elegant interpretation with very refined tannin, good acidity and silky persistence to the lengthy finish.

Harvested 10/21/18

Average brix at harvest: 25.0

Analysis at bottling: 3.45 pH, 6.0 g/L TA, 13.9 % alcohol

Bottled 4/22/20