



*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.*

## **2019 Pinot Blanc, 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 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 October harvest dates as the previous two years. Our naturally high elevation retained good acidity in the fruit.

Our 2019 Pinot Blanc was composed of three lots, one harvested in late September and two harvested in late October. All lots were whole cluster pressed into tanks to settle for two days. The juice was racked off solids and twelve percent of the blend was fermented in neutral oak. The remainder was fermented in small stainless steel tanks and racked at the finish of alcoholic fermentation into 50% neutral barrels, 50% stainless steel drums for four months.

Light straw in color, our 2019 Pinot blanc has ripe pear, honeysuckle note on the nose with nice concentration on the palate of pear nectar, meyer lemon gelato, and a smoky mineral note. This medium bodied wine has a good depth with lively floral and lemony orchard fruit on the persistent finish.

Harvested 09/24/19 – 10/28/19

Average Brix at harvest: 24.5

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.44, 5.2 g/l TA, Alcohol 13.6%, RS 0.8 g/L

Bottled 6/10/20

Cases produced: 402