

FORIS VINEYARDS

*Rosé of Pinot Noir*

2020

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.

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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 2020 vintage had a promising start with warm spring temperatures that led to one of the earliest starts to the season and intermittent cool, wet conditions led to a moderate to moderately low fruit set. The resulting clusters had small berries and the warm growing season seemed to promise fruit forward, highly concentrated wines. But in early September, the wildfires started bringing smoke to many parts of the state. The impact of smoke on grapes varied significantly by variety, and site to site. Despite the challenges, we bottled small amounts of lovely wines in 2020.

Our 2020 Pinot Noir Rosé is 100% estate fruit, composed of the Pommard clone from two of our oldest blocks on Maple Ranch Vineyard, and a small amount of fruit from Holland Vineyard. The fruit was hand harvested in mid-September. Two lots from Maple Ranch and one lot from Holland Vineyard were whole cluster pressed into tanks. After settling for 48 hours, the juice was racked off solids and fermented at low temperatures in stainless steel. The fruit from Holland Vineyard was fermented in stainless steel drums.

Pale pink, our 2020 Rosé of Pinot Noir is aromatic with pomelo, honeydew, rose petal, and wisteria. The palate is bright citrus (starfruit, pink grapefruit, marmalade, and watermelon rind) with a light bodied delicate texture and mineral finish.

Harvested 9/09/20 – 9/14/20

Brix at harvest: 22.1

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.21, 7.0 g/L TA, Alcohol 13.3%, 0.2 g/L RS

Bottled 4/16/21

Cases produced: 548