



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.

2020 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 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 from variety, and site to site. In spite of it all, we bottled small amounts of lovely wines in 2020.

Our 2020 Pinot Blanc was composed of one harvested lot. The grapes were whole cluster pressed into tanks to settle for two days. Then the juice was racked off solids and twelve percent of the blend was fermented in neutral oak. The remainder was fermented in a small stainless steel tank and racked at the finish of alcoholic fermentation.

Light straw in color, our 2020 Pinot blanc has lemon verbena, pear, honeysuckle note on the nose with nice concentration on the palate of pear nectar, meyer lemon meringue. This medium bodied wine has a good depth with lively floral and lemony orchard fruit on the persistent finish.

Harvested 10/7/20 – 10/9/20

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.35, 6.0 g/l TA, Alcohol 13.5%, RS 1.3 g/L

Bottled 04/26/21

Cases produced: 335