



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 eight 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.

2021 Pinot Noir *Estate Grown, 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.

The 2021 vintage was a challenging Oregon vintage in the southwestern part of Rogue Valley, that had average bud break dates and average crop load initially. Cool early spring weather and an unusual frost in the first week of June moderated crop levels in low lying areas and delayed maturity in vines that were in the middle of bloom. By midsummer the weather had shifted to the opposite range of the heat spectrum and shoots grew rapidly with the high temperatures. Sporadic rain in early fall and an early frost in the first week of October finished the harvest window, but the warm window led to moderate acidity levels and ripeness.

Our 2021 Pinot Noir is 100% estate, from our Cedar Ranch and Maple Ranch vineyards. 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 (15% once filled) for 10 months of barrel aging.

Ruby red in the glass, our 2021 Pinot Noir has aromas of black plum, black cherry with notes of cedar. Medium bodied on the palate, it offers a mixture of black cherry compote, black currant, mocha, vanilla, white pepper, salted caramel, and lingering flavors of fresh cherry, oak and baking chocolate.

Harvested 9/21/21 - 10/10/21

Average brix at harvest: 24.0

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.59, TA 5.6 g/L, Alcohol 13.7%

8564 cases bottled