

# FORIS

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## FORIS VINEYARDS: A YEAR OF ACCOLADES

*2023 proves to be fruitful for winery in Southern Oregon's Illinoia Valley*

*September 18, 2023, Cave Junction, OR . . .* Now in the throes of its 37<sup>th</sup> harvest at Foris, 2023 has been a year of critical recognition—and the year's only  $\frac{3}{4}$  done. Foris Vineyards' notoriety from critics is on the rise with a number of 90+ scores in **Wine Enthusiast** and **JamesSuckling.com** in spring of 2023, **Sunset Magazine** International Wine Competition awarded Foris with medals, as did the judging panel of **Oregon Wine Experience** this past summer. Foris is also receiving a 90 and "Best Buy" designation for its 2019 Cabernet Franc Rogue Valley in an upcoming issue of **Wine Enthusiast**.

Foris Winery was founded by Ted Gerber and his late wife Meri in 1986, and their daughter Alicia heads up operations in the tasting room. Only seven miles within the Oregon border, Foris is the southernmost vineyard in the Pacific Northwest and has 135 of estate acres over three vineyard sites in the Rogue Valley AVA. The winery is surrounded by the wilderness of the Siskiyou Mountains and the Gerber family owns 400 acres overall with 230 planted. Foris wines are distributed in 37 states plus Canada and Japan.



### The Award Rundown:

Starting off Spring 2023, [Wine Enthusiast](#) awarded Foris with new ratings for seven of its wines with 90+ scores, with six designated as "Best Buys"

from the magazine's editors. Starting at \$17 for Alsatian variety Gewürztraminer, the designation of Best Buy and a score of 90 is not surprising that the editors say its value and quality.

The Wine Enthusiast Foris scores for 2023 are as follows:

92 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2022 Pinot Blanc Rogue Valley	\$17
91 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2022 Pinot Gris Rogue Valley	\$17
91 rating: Foris 2021 Estate Pinot Noir Rogue Valley	\$22
90 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2022 Dry Gewürztraminer Rogue Valley	\$17
90 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2022 Rosé of Pinot Noir Rogue Valley	\$17
89 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2022 Riesling Rogue Valley	\$17

This October, readers will see yet another Foris wine with the editors at Wine Enthusiast reviewed:

90 rating, Best Buy: Foris 2019 Cabernet Franc Rogue Valley      \$22

### **JamesSuckling.com**

For [James Suckling](#), one of wine's most renowned critics who evaluates wines from all over the world, his 2023 Oregon report put Foris among the heavy hitters of wine. Foris' 2018 Tempranillo received an outstanding rating of 92 points from JamesSuckling.com, which wrote: "Aromas of black and blue fruit, leather and dried herbs. Full-bodied with grippy tannins. Steady and ripe on the palate. Melted chocolate. Rich and intense."

Similarly, the 2021 Rogue Valley Pinot Noir received a score of 91 points, and was described as: "this has a vibrant red-fruited character with citrusy notes, violets and wet stones. It is round-textured with supple tannins and a lingering, chocolaty mouthfeel. It is vivid and fruity with a flavorful finish."

### **Sunset International Wine Competition**

The 2022 Pinot Gris proved to be a true standout at the [Sunset International Wine Competition](#), achieving a double gold title with 96 points. This Pinot Gris showcases a straw hue and entices with fragrant aromatics reminiscent of pear, honeysuckle, orange blossom honey, and white stone fruit.

Foris' 2022 Moscato scored 94 points and was awarded "Best of Class." What sets it apart is its delicate effervescence, infusing a bright and refreshing quality into a naturally sweet wine with low alcohol content and excellent acidity.

### **Oregon Wine Experience**

Continuously impressing critics, judges at 2023 [Oregon Wine Experience](#) scored Foris' estate Pinot noir with a double gold, which Suckling lauded with a 91 as mentioned above.

The 2021 Riesling garnered unanimous acclaim from judges at the Oregon Wine Experience, too, earning it a well-deserved gold medal. It was celebrated as an outstanding representation of Oregon's finest, with commendations for its impeccable balance, enchanting aromatics, and a palate that gracefully captures the essence of the region's terroir.

As for the 2021 Foris Chardonnay, it received a gold medal at the Oregon Wine Experience. This Chardonnay proves to be an ideal pairing for autumn dishes such as herb-roasted chicken or roasted butternut squash risotto with its "fresh aromas of lime, orange and grass. Orange curd and mineral notes appear on a bright palate that is richer than the nose predicts," as noted by [Oregon Wine Press](#).

### **Oregon Wine Press and more...**

As well as its Estate Grown Riesling chosen as a panel pick from Oregon Wine Press in [August 2023](#) and its 2022 Estate Grown Pinot Blanc, Rogue Valley in the magazine's forthcoming October issue, Foris has been invited to participate in the 11th annual Great Northwest Invitational Wine Competition. Conducted by Eric Degerman of Great Northwest Wine, the judging panel is made up of distributors, sommeliers, restaurateurs, retailers and journalists at the historic Columbia Gorge Hotel & Spa to evaluate the wines under blind conditions. Stay tuned to hear how Foris fares in this invitation-only wine competition.

These award winning Foris wines are available online.

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### ***About Foris Vineyards***

Located just outside Cave Junction, Oregon, Foris is an agriculture based winery known for producing high quality, estate grown Alsace varietal white wines and Pinot Noir. Ted Gerber planted his first vineyard in 1975 and founded the winery in 1986. Today, Foris has 200 acres of estate vineyards at five different sites within a few miles of the winery. Foris wines are distributed in 37 states, Calgary, Toronto and Japan.