



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.

2020 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 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. The net effect on fruit development was a warm season but with a cool weather finish. In spite of the challenges, we bottled small amounts of wines in 2020.

Our 2020 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 7 to 10 day fermentation. Once primary fermentation is complete, the wine is racked to French oak barrels (15% once filled) for 8 months of barrel aging.

Alcohol 14.0%
7,980 cases bottled