

FORIS VINEYARDS

Rosé of Pinot Noir

2021

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.

2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir *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 2021 vintage was a challenging Oregon vintage in the Illinois 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.

Our 2021 Pinot Noir Rosé is 100% estate fruit, composed of the Pommard clone from two of our oldest blocks on Maple Ranch Vineyard. The fruit was hand harvested in September. Two lots from Maple Ranch were whole cluster pressed into tanks. After settling for 48 hours, the juice was racked off solids and fermented at low temperatures.

Pale pink, our 2021 Rosé of Pinot Noir is lightly aromatic with pomelo,. The palate is bright citrus (starfruit, pink grapefruit, marmalade, and watermelon rind) with a light bodied delicate texture.

Harvested 9/10/21 – 9/13/21

Brix at harvest: 22.0

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.21, 7.0 g/L TA, Alcohol 13.6%, 2.0 g/L RS

Bottled 3/10/22

Cases produced: 495