



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.

2023 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 2023 vintage was an interesting Oregon vintage that ranged widely from cold weather in April to cool showers in mid-October. The cool weather delayed bud break dependent on vineyard elevation and variety. There was plenty of precipitation initially but good bloom conditions and generous fruit set in June. We ultimately finished with generous amounts of fruit, picked in October before the onset of rain in one of the shortest picking windows for reds in recent memory. This unusual combination led to low alcohols, moderate acidity, and good flavors on early ripening varieties.

Our 2023 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 (8% new) for 10 months of barrel aging.

Dark ruby in the glass, our 2023 Pinot Noir has aromas of violets, rose petal, black cherry, with notes of oak and barrel spice. Medium bodied on the palate, it offers flavors of black cherry, oak and barrel spice.

Harvested 10/7/23 -10/13/23

Average brix at harvest: 23.0

Analysis at bottling: pH 3.65, TA 5.8 g/L, Alcohol 13.5%

2400 cases bottled