

# 2009 J.L. WOLF RIESLING WACHENHEIMER



## THE J.L. WOLF ESTATE

Founded in 1756, the J.L. Wolf winery was a very successful wine estate in the 18th century. It entered an even more glamorous period in 1843 when its owner, Johann Ludwig Wolf, finished construction of an Italianate estate house and villa. The exceedingly ornate estate house is now a nationally protected historic site.

In 1996, Ernst Loosen took over the vineyards and winemaking facilities in a quest to make full-bodied, traditionally crafted Pfalz wines to complement his lighter Dr. Loosen wines from the Mosel. In the classic style of the Pfalz, these wines are more full-bodied than Mosel wines, with higher alcohol and rich flavors of ripe fruit and stone.

## THE PFALZ REGION

The Pfalz (aka 'Palatinate') lies between the Haardt mountains and the Rhine River in southwest Germany, directly north of France's Alsace region. As in Alsace, the mountains protect the area from cold Atlantic weather, making it one of the warmer and drier areas of Germany.

Because of this unusual climate, surprising things, such as almonds, figs and lemons are grown in this region, which is sometimes referred to as "the Tuscany of Germany." Naturally, wine grapes also do quite well here where it is possible to achieve full ripeness in every vintage. The predominant soil type in this area is well-drained, weathered sandstone. It produces wines with a fruit-driven purity and a stony richness.



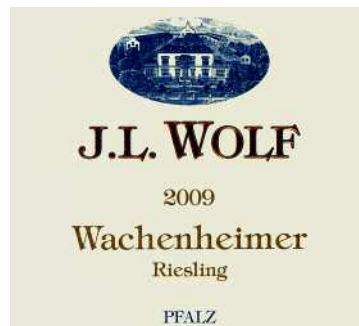
## THE VINEYARDS OF WACHENHEIM

The village of Wachenheim lies at the center of the esteemed "Mittelhaardt" area, which historically has been the source of the region's finest wines. Here, the well-drained, weathered sandstone soils produce pure, fruit-driven wines with a distinctive stony character.

## VINEYARD CLASSIFICATION

At J.L. Wolf, Ernst Loosen uses a three-tier, Burgundian-style vineyard classification, based on an 1828 Bavarian tax assessment map of the Pfalz. (Please note, however, that this is an unofficial, internal classification that is not recognized by the German wine law.) This wine comes from third-tier vineyards in the village of Wachenheim. As a "village vineyard" Riesling, it is labeled only with the village name, as with "villages" bottlings from Burgundy.

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The Wachenheimer Riesling from J.L. Wolf reflects the unique characteristics of the sandy loam soil and warm, dry climate of the village of Wachenheim. It is an excellent value in full-flavored, balanced Pfalz Riesling. The 2009 Wachenheimer shows the fruit

purity and concentration of the vintage. It is quite harmonious, with good depth, a fine, edgy focus and a firm peach-pit grip on the mid-palate.

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*J.L. Wolf wines are made in the 19th-century winery building at the historic estate in the village of Wachenheim.*

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