

2009 VILLA WOLF PINOT NOIR



The winery portion of the Italian style villa at J.L. Wolf



The J.L. Wolf carriage house

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.

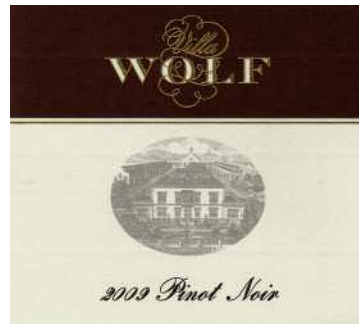
Because of this unusual climate, surprising things, such as almonds, figs and lemons are grown in this region, which is sometimes referred to as "the Tuscany of Germany." Naturally, wine grapes also do quite well here where it is possible to achieve full ripeness in every vintage. The predominant soil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



VILLA WOLF – VARIETAL VALUES

The Villa Wolf label is used for a value-priced line of varietal wines that supplement J.L. Wolf estate-grown fruit with grapes from contracted growers. These are very affordable, classic Pfalz wines from traditional grape varieties.

VILLA WOLF PINOT NOIR



Pinot Noir has a long tradition in the Pfalz region, where it is known as Spätburgunder. Villa Wolf Pinot Noir is warm and medium-bodied, with a firm acid structure. Its bright black-cherry fruit is juicy, ripe, and forward, with a spicy mid-palate.

Twelve months of aging in used barriques gives the wine a smoky depth and a nice touch of earthy tannins. It's an excellent, approachable red wine for everyday dining.

KEY POINTS:

- Elegant, varietally true Pinot Noir from Ernst Loosen, one of the world's most celebrated winemakers.
- An excellent everyday red wine at a price that makes it a good choice for restaurant glass pours.
- Bottled in a classic Burgundy bottle.

ACCOLADES FOR ERNST LOOSEN

- Star Winemaker, Europe, 2010, *Wine Behind the Label*, 7th ed.
- Man of the Year 2005, *Decanter*
- White Wine Maker of the Year 2005, *Wine International*
- World's 50 Most Influential Winemakers, *Wine & Spirits*
- Germany's Winemaker of the Year 2001, *Gault Millau*