



J.L. WOLF

Traditionally crafted wines from a historic estate.

Founded in 1756, the J.L. Wolf estate was a very successful and highly regarded winery for more than two centuries. It entered an especially glamorous era with the construction of its Italianate estate house and villa in 1843. In the latter years of the 20th century, however, the estate languished, lacking a firm hand to guide its wine production. In 1996, Ernst Loosen took over the vineyards, launching a dramatic turnaround in the estate's quality and reputation.

Ernst's goal at J.L. Wolf is to make powerful, traditionally crafted Pfalz wines to complement his lighter Dr. Loosen wines from the Mosel. Made in the classic style of the Pfalz, J.L. Wolf Rieslings are drier and more full-bodied than Mosel Rieslings, with higher alcohol and ripe flavors of fruit and stone. In addition to Riesling, the Pfalz region has a long tradition with other grape varieties, allowing Ernst to expand his winemaking palette to include Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Gewürztraminer and Silvaner.

The Pfalz (pronounced "faults") lies between the Haardt Mountains and the Rhine River, directly north of France's Alsace region. As in Alsace, the mountains protect the area from cold, wet, Atlantic weather, making it one of the warmer and drier areas of Germany. This climate makes it possible to achieve full ripeness in every vintage—the key to making wines with rich concentration, fine balance and deep character.

At both the Dr. Loosen and J.L. Wolf estates, Ernst strives to make authentic wines that combine the great stylistic traditions of the region with today's better understanding of sustainable viticulture and minimalist cellar practices. The result is pure, flavorful wines that clearly convey the regional culture, the true character of each grape variety, and the distinctive terroir of each vineyard site. 🍷



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Reviving another wine estate...

For Ernst, taking on the J.L. Wolf estate was *déjà vu* all over again. As with Dr. Loosen, he seized the opportunity to revitalize a neglected wine estate blessed with established vines in great vineyards. The two estates also have similar locations: The Dr. Loosen estate is in Bernkastel, at the heart of the middle Mosel, while J.L. Wolf is in Wachenheim, at the center of a picturesque wine area known as the middle Haardt. 🍷

Ernst Loosen produces full-bodied, traditionally crafted Pfalz wine at the Italianate villa of the J.L. Wolf estate.



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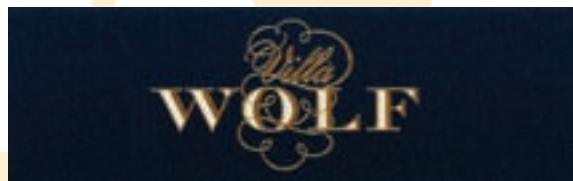


VINEYARDS AND WINES



VILLA WOLF | Varietal Values

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

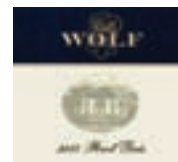


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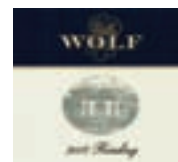
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 ROSÉ DE PINOT NOIR
 PINOT NOIR

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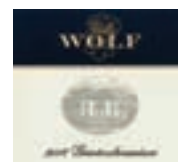
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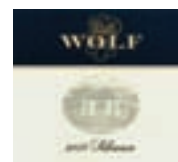
PINOT GRIS has a very long tradition in the Pfalz region. In fact, it was here that the variety was first identified. Villa Wolf Pinot Gris is made in a full-bodied, dry style with refreshing, unoaked fruit and a crackling texture.



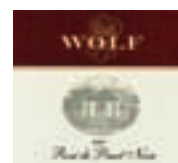
VILLA WOLF RIESLING is produced in the dry style that is traditional for this part of Germany. It exemplifies the pure stone-fruit flavors and full, rich texture that are characteristic of the weathered sandstone soils of the Pfalz region.



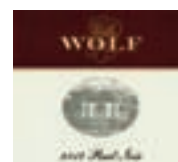
VILLA WOLF GEWÜRZTRAMINER is clean, fruity and wonderfully light on its feet. It shows off the aromatic charm of the variety with a deliciously juicy texture and a delicate aroma of spice and fresh roses.



SILVANER is one of the oldest known grape varieties in Europe. It produces a full, rounded, dry wine with an interesting spiciness, and a firm acid structure that is never hard or austere. It is delicious on its own and works well with many different foods.



The **VILLA WOLF ROSÉ DE PINOT NOIR** is a true rosé, made with a brief maceration before pressing to extract a lovely salmon color. It is light and refreshing, with bright berry and fruit flavors and a clean, zippy finish.



VILLA WOLF PINOT NOIR is warm and medium-bodied, with forward, dark cherry fruit, a firm structure and a spicy mid-palate. Six months of barrique aging gives it a smoky depth and a nice backbone of earthy tannins. 🍷

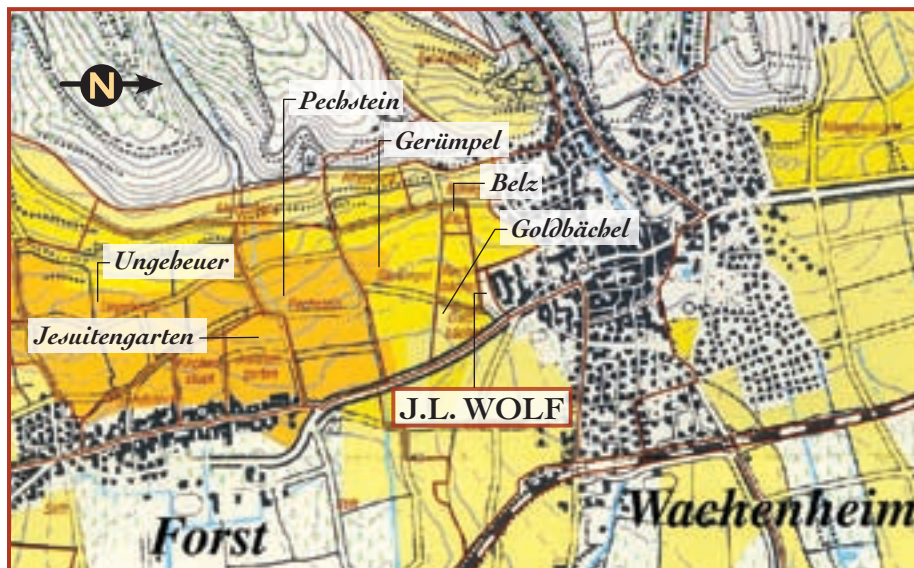
THE QUALITY CONCEPT AT J.L. WOLF

The focus at J.L. Wolf is on classic Rieslings from top vineyards. To preserve the naturally high quality of the vineyards, we emphasize gentle handling through traditional winemaking techniques. Our goal is to produce wines that express the pure, authentic terroir of the Pfalz.

An unofficial, Burgundy-style classification of the vineyards is used at J.L. Wolf. Based largely on an 1828 property tax assessment done by the Bavarian government, it identifies three first-growth (*grand cru*) vineyards at J.L. Wolf: Pechstein, Ungeheuer and

Jesuitengarten, all in the village of Forst. Three second-growth (*premier cru*) vineyards are adjacent to the estate villa in Wachenheim: Goldbächel, Gerümpel and the wholly owned Belz. In addition, J.L. Wolf owns village (*villages*) quality vineyards, which produce the Wachenheimer and Forster Rieslings.

Because the warm Pfalz climate ripens the fruit evenly, only one wine is made from each vineyard. The first- and second-growth vineyards normally produce Spätlese, and the village vineyards produce Kabinett. 🍷



Detail from a reconstruction of the 1828 Bavarian government's vineyard classification map of the Mittelhaardt area of the Pfalz wine region. The finest vineyards (*grand cru*) are colored orange, very good vineyards (*premier cru*) are yellow, and good vineyards (*villages*) are pale yellow.

VILLAGE VINEYARDS



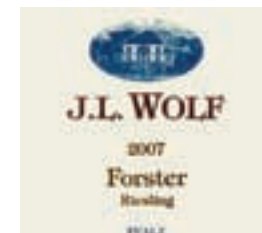
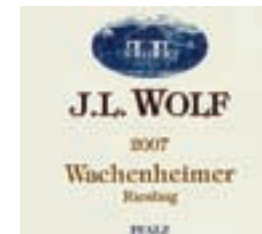
WACHENHEIM & FORST | Heart of the Mittelhaardt

The villages of Wachenheim (pronounced "VAHK-en-hime") and Forst lie at the center of the esteemed Mittelhaardt area of the Pfalz, 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.

As with "villages" bottlings from Burgundy, these wines are labeled only with the village name. 🍷



The light, sandy loam soil of the village-quality vineyards in Wachenheim and Forst produces bright, fruit-forward wines.





WACHENHEIMER BELZ | *Monopole of J.L. Wolf*

The Belz (pronounced “BELTS”) vineyard, one of the finest in the village of Wachenheim, is the only site in the area with a significant amount of chalk (shell limestone) in the soil. It produces distinctive wines with a rounded structure and an engaging grapefruit note in the aroma. A mesmerizing stony perfume emerges from the wine as it matures. This site is wholly owned by the J.L. Wolf estate. 🍷



The calcium-rich shell limestone of the Wachenheimer Belz vineyard make it unique in the Pfalz.



WACHENHEIMER GOLDBÄCHEL | *The Golden Brook*

The Goldbächel site yields the most delicate wines of J.L. Wolf's three second-growth vineyards. The sandy soil gives the wines a fruit-driven purity, and the southeastern exposure promotes excellent ripeness and density. 🍷



WACHENHEIMER GERÜMPEL | *The Rubble Pile*

With a slightly warmer microclimate, the Gerümpel vineyard produces wines that are bigger and more expansive than Goldbächel. These are very dense and engaging wines, with great length on the palate. 🍷



The typical soil of Wachenheim is a mixture of weathered sandstone pebbles and well-drained sandy loam.





PECHSTEIN | *Black Stone*

*P*echstein (PESH-stine) is one of the greatest vineyard sites in the Pfalz. It lies on the gentle, east-facing slope that extends from behind the village of Forst up toward the Haardt Mountains. The name refers to the preponderance of black basalt stones in the soil, which give the wines a strong mineral backbone. Of all the first-growth



sites at J.L. Wolf, Pechstein produces the most assertive, mineral-driven Rieslings. 🍷



Black basalt stones add a racy minerality to the sandy loam soil of Pechstein.



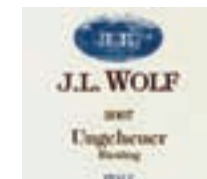
JESUITENGARTEN | *The Jesuit's Garden*

*T*his top-class vineyard produces highly refined Rieslings that have a delicate complexity and extraordinary finesse. The well-drained, weathered sandstone soil yields wines of amazing purity and grace. 🍷



UNGEHEUER | *The Monster*

*T*he soil of Ungeheuer (OOHN-geh-hoy-er) is similar to that of Jesuitengarten, but the warmer microclimate produces wines that are fuller, weightier and simply monstrous. This is another of the finest vineyards in all of the Pfalz. 🍷



In Forst, the weathered sandstone soil of these two vineyards has a deeper sub-soil than Wachenbeim and a higher proportion of large sandstone pebbles.