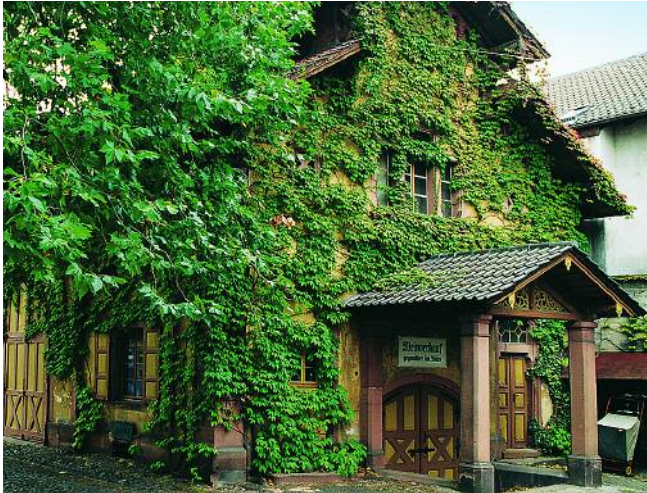


J.L. WOLF

Classically crafted wines from Germany's Rhine River valley



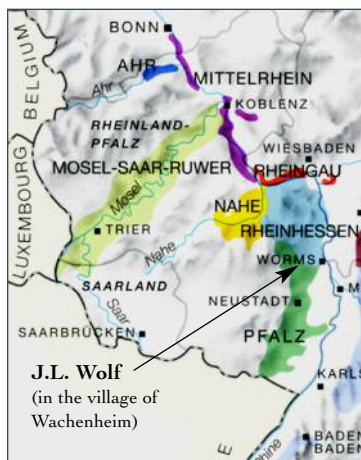
J.L. Wolf wines are made in the 19th-century winery building at the historic estate in the village of Wachenheim.

In 1996, Ernst Loosen took over the historic J.L. Wolf estate so that he could make powerful, traditionally crafted Rhine wines to complement the light and elegant Dr. Loosen Rieslings he produces in 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 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 harsh Atlantic weather, making it one of the warmer and drier areas of Germany. In this climate, achieving full ripeness is possible in nearly every vintage.

THE QUALITY CONCEPT: TRUE PFALZ

To preserve the naturally high quality of the vineyards, Ernst emphasizes sustainable viticulture, gentle handling during harvest and traditional winemaking techniques in the cellar. This enables him to produce pure, mineral-inflected wines that express the authentic terroir of the Pfalz.



The gently sloping vineyards of the Mittelhaardt are protected by the low-lying Haardt mountains.

J.L. WOLF: ESTATE-GROWN RIESLINGS

Ernst uses an unofficial, Burgundy-style classification of the vineyards at J.L. Wolf, based largely on a vineyard property tax assessment done by the Bavarian government in 1828. Historical accounts of quality and price confirm the first-growth (*grand cru*) status of the Pechstein vineyard in the village of Forst, and the second-growth (*premier cru*) Belz vineyard in Wachenheim. In addition, village-quality (*villages*) vineyards are harvested to produce Wachenheimer Riesling.

Typically, two wines are made from each J.L. Wolf vineyard — one in the traditional dry (*trocken*) style and one in the fruity style, with residual sweetness. Only the fruity wines are labeled as Prädikat wines. In most vintages Wachenheimer Kabinett, Wachenheimer Belz Spätlese and Pechstein Auslese are produced.

VILLA WOLF: VALUE-PRICED VARIETAL WINES

The Villa Wolf label is used for a value-priced line of varietal wines that show the true character of each variety as it is grown in the warm and sunny Pfalz region. Villa Wolf wines are made from J.L. Wolf estate fruit supplemented with grapes from contracted growers. Varieties include Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer, Riesling, Silvaner and Pinot Noir (red and rosé). Like the Dr. L from Dr. Loosen, these are excellent glass-pour wines, as well as great values on the retail shelf.

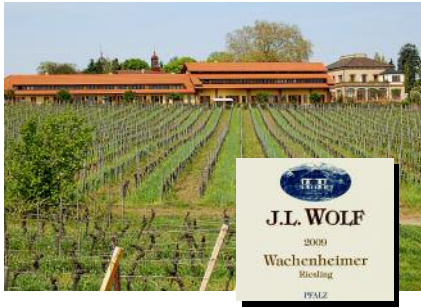
Villa Wolf has been recognized as a "Value Brand of the Year" by both *Wine & Spirits* and *Wine Enthusiast*. 🍷

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J.L. Wolf estate-grown Rieslings – Prädikat Values

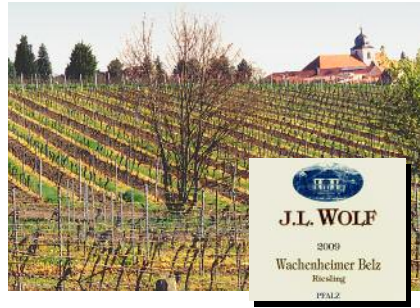
KABINETT



WACHENHEIMER

This comes from third-tier vineyards in the village of Wachenheim. Here, the weathered sandstone soils produce pure, fruit-driven wines with a distinctive stony character.

SPÄTLESE



WACHENHEIMER BELZ

This is the most full-bodied of the estate wines. Belz Rieslings have a rounded structure and flinty flavor profile from the unusual chalky soil that is only found in this vineyard.

AUSLESE



PECHSTEIN

Of J.L. Wolf's estate-grown Rieslings, Pechstein is the most assertive. The name refers to the abundant black basalt stones in the soil, which give a firm mineral edge to the wines.

(Please note: the vineyard classification at J.L. Wolf is an internal rating based on historical records, but is not recognized by German wine law.)

Villa Wolf – Varietal Values

PINOT GRIS

Pinot Gris has a long tradition in the Pfalz region, where it was first identified as a unique variety back in the early 18th century. Villa Wolf Pinot Gris is made in a full-bodied dry style with fresh, unoaked fruit flavors and a crisp texture. Only clean, perfectly healthy fruit is accepted at harvest, and malolactic fermentation is avoided to maintain bright, cleansing acidity. An excellent partner for many foods, including salmon, chicken and pork.



RIESLING DRY

Riesling, of course, is the major variety in the Pfalz, where it has been grown and revered for several centuries. Villa Wolf Riesling Dry has the pure stone fruit and firm texture that are characteristic of the weathered and well-drained sandstone soils in the Pfalz region. It is produced in the dry style that is traditional for this warm and sunny region. It is a versatile wine at the dinner table, making an excellent match for classic continental-style cooking.



The Italianate winery villa at J.L. Wolf.

GEWÜRZTRAMINER

Gewürztraminer is a wildly aromatic variety that is very much at home in the Pfalz, although it is not as widely planted as in the past. The Villa Wolf Gewürztraminer is clean, fruity and wonderfully light on its feet. It shows off the aromatic charm of the variety without being heavy or ponderous. It has a deliciously juicy texture and a delightfully delicate aroma of spice and fresh roses. It's very refreshing to drink on its own and makes a perfect accompaniment to spicy Asian cuisine.



PINOT NOIR ROSÉ

The Pfalz is a very warm region, often called "the Tuscany of Germany," so all of the Pinot varieties do well here. The Villa Wolf Pinot Noir Rosé is a true rosé, from vineyards that have been managed expressly for this purpose. After a brief maceration (keeping the juice with the skins) the grapes are pressed to extract a lovely salmon color. It is light and refreshing, with deliciously bright berry and fruit flavors and a clean, zippy finish.



PINOT NOIR

Germany is the third-largest Pinot producing nation in the world, and the Pfalz is one of the major regions for this variety. Villa Wolf Pinot Noir is warm and medium-bodied, with a firm acid structure. Its dark cherry fruit is juicy, ripe, and forward, with a spicy mid-palate. Six months of barrique aging gives the wine a smoky depth and a nice touch of earthy tannins. This is an excellent and affordable red wine for everyday dining.

