

# 2009 VILLA WOLF DORNFELDER



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

## 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 Rhine 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

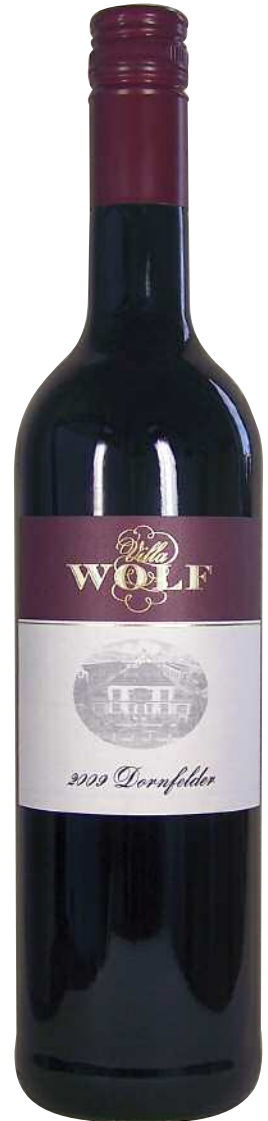
The Villa Wolf label is used for a value-priced line of varietal wines that supplement J.L. Wolf estate-grown fruit with grapes from contracted growers. These are very affordable, classic Pfalz wines from traditional grape varieties.

## ABOUT THE DORNFELDER GRAPE VARIETY

Dornfelder is the most successful German red grape. It was developed in 1955 by August Herold at the Weinsberg Wine School, when he crossed the Helfensteiner grape and the Heroldrebe grape. The new variety was named after the founder of the Wine School, Imanuel Dornfeld. About 20,262 acres (8,200 hectares) of Dornfelder are planted throughout Germany, accounting for 8% of the total vineyard area. Although Dornfelder is grown in most of the German wine regions, the majority of this grape is produced in the Rheinhessen and Pfalz regions, each with over 7,400 acres (3,000 hectares) planted.

## VILLA WOLF DORNFELDER

Villa Wolf Dornfelder is a fruity, medium-bodied red wine with flavors of plums and cherries balanced by velvety tannins. It has an intense color and pairs well with a wide variety of foods.



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- Man of the Year 2005, *Decanter*
- White Wine Maker of the Year 2005, *Wine International*
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