



### THE J.L. WOLF ESTATE

Founded in 1756, the J.L. Wolf winery entered a glamorous new era with the construction of its Italianate estate house and villa in 1843. Until recently, however, the estate had been languishing without a firm hand to guide its wine production. Then, 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. From the very first vintage, Ernst's J.L. Wolf wines have been praised for their distinctive, well-defined style. Wines from recent vintages have been singled out as being among the world's best.

### VILLA WOLF PINOT GRIS

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. Villa Wolf Pinot Gris is made in a full-bodied, dry style that will appeal to anyone seeking a fresh, unoaked, food-friendly alternative. Half of each vintage is made in large, neutral oak casks for depth and complexity. The other half is made in stainless steel to preserve freshness and enhance the vibrant fruit.

#### HISTORICAL NOTE:

Pinot Gris, also known in Germany as Grauburgunder or Ruländer, is very traditional in the Pfalz region. In fact, the variety was first identified here in the early 18th century by viticulturalist Johann Ruland.

#### PRAISE FROM THE PRESS:

"Opens with very light toast before zippy, initially sweet flavors of a mélange of kiwi, apple, lime, and lemon which finish medium-long and medium-broad. It will be popular."

— *Colorado Wine News*, Jan.-Mar. 2009

*Value Brand of the Year, Wine & Spirits*, June 2006

#### KEY POINTS:

- Dry, international style Pinot Gris from Ernst Loosen, one of Germany's most celebrated winemakers.
- An excellent wine for traditional cooking at a price that makes it a good choice for a restaurant glass pour.
- Now with Stelvin screwcap closure!