



THE J.L. WOLF ESTATE

In 1996, Ernst Loosen took over the languishing J.L. Wolf estate in the southerly Pfalz region of Germany. He did it because he wanted to make powerful, traditionally crafted Pfalz wines to complement his light and elegant Dr. Loosen Rieslings from the Mosel. He was especially intrigued by the opportunity to work with the Burgundian varieties, Pinot Noir in particular. The Pfalz is a very warm and sunny region, often called the “Tuscany” of Germany because almonds, lemons and figs are common here. It is one of the few areas of Germany with a climate that’s warm enough to get these varieties fully ripe.

VILLA WOLF PINOT NOIR

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. This allows Ernst Loosen to make classic Pfalz wines from traditional varieties and offer them at a very attractive price. The Villa Wolf Pinot Noir features very forward dark cherry fruit that’s juicy and ripe, but with a firm structure and a spicy mid-palate. Six months of barrique aging gives it a smoky depth and a nice touch of earthy tannins. A very grown-up Pinot for the price, this is another excellent wine for every day at the dinner table.

TRADITIONAL VARIETIES OF THE PFALZ:

In addition to the very Germanic varieties, such as Riesling and Gewürztraminer, the Pfalz region has a very long tradition for growing the Burgundian varieties: Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir.

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.