



# VILLA WOLF

## Traditionally crafted wines from the Pfalz region of Germany



*The historic Villa Wolf estate house in the Pfalz region.*

**FOUNDED IN 1756**, in the Pfalz region of Germany, the J.L. Wolf estate (now called Villa Wolf) was a 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. Ernst Loosen, of the Dr. Loosen estate, took over the vineyards in 1996, launching a dramatic turnaround in the estate's quality and reputation.

### THE PFALZ REGION

The Pfalz region lies between the Haardt mountains and the Rhine River in south-west 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 unique climate, it is possible to achieve full ripeness in every vintage, yielding flavor-packed, full-bodied wines. The predominant soil type in this area is well-drained, weathered sandstone. It produces wines with a fruit-driven purity and a stony structure.



### THE QUALITY CONCEPT: TRUE PFALZ

The goal at Villa Wolf is to produce wines that express the pure, authentic terroir of the region. Made in the classic style of the Pfalz, Villa Wolf Rieslings are drier and more full-bodied than Mosel Rieslings, with fully ripe fruit flavors and a characteristic stoniness in the aroma. To preserve the naturally high quality of the vineyards, we employ sustainable viticultural practices and emphasize gentle handling of the fruit through traditional, minimalist winemaking.

The Pfalz region also has a long tradition with other grape varieties, allowing Ernst and his team to expand their winemaking palette to include Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Gewürztraminer and Dornfelder.

### THE VILLA WOLF WINEMAKING TEAM

Since 2011, the estate has been managed by a talented and dedicated young team that previously worked at Dr. Loosen. Sumi Gebauer and Patrick Möllendorf have brought renewed energy and focus to the viticulture and winemaking at Villa Wolf.

Their wine philosophy is based on the belief that great wines are created in the vineyard. So they work closely with nature, using sustainable practices to nurture biodiversity in the vineyards, providing a healthy and diverse microbiology in the soil. This is important for wines to express the character of the grape and the soil in which it is grown.

They extend this idea into the cellar, focusing on gentle handling of the wine throughout the entire process. This approach retains the clean, fresh fruit that represents the Villa Wolf style. They are committed to traditional vinification methods, such as fermentation and aging in large, neutral oak casks, and spontaneous fermentation with natural yeasts.

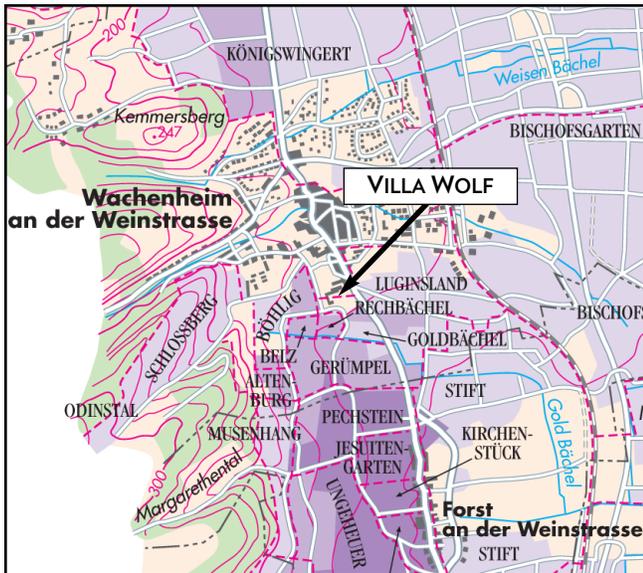
With sustainable viticulture, minimal processing and their constant pursuit of improvement, Patrick and Sumi hope to capture the purity and special characteristics of the region, vineyard and grape variety in each of their wines.



*Villa Wolf manager, Sumi Gebauer, and her dog, Mücke.*

# VILLA WOLF ESTATE-GROWN RIESLINGS

An unofficial, Burgundy-style classification of the estate vineyards is used at Villa Wolf, based largely on a property tax assessment done by the Bavarian government in 1828. The estate's classified vineyards include the Grosse Lage (grand cru) Pechstein in the village of Forst. In Wachenheim, Villa Wolf owns three Erste Lage (premier cru) sites: Wachenheimer Belz, Königswingert and Goldbächel. These single-vineyard, estate-grown Rieslings show the distinctive character of their different terroirs.



*The classified vineyards of Wachenheim and Forst.*



*The grand cru Forster Pechstein vineyard.*



### Villa Wolf Riesling, Wachenheimer

From the premier cru Königswingert (“King’s Vineyards”), but labeled without a vineyard name. Here, the weathered sandstone and loam soil produces pure, fruit-driven wines with a distinctive stony character that reflects the terroir of Königswingert.



### Villa Wolf Riesling, Wachenheimer Belz

Wachenheimer Belz has a unique structure and flavor profile from the unusual chalk soil that is only found in this vineyard, a monopole of J.L. Wolf. The wine typically has a rounder, fuller profile than the Wachenheimer, with excellent concentration and a warm richness on the palate.



### Villa Wolf Riesling, Forster Pechstein

The grand cru Pechstein vineyard, in the neighboring village of Forst, has the most assertive minerality of all the Villa Wolf vineyards. The name translates as “black stone” and refers to the abundance of black basalt in the soil, which gives the wines a firm mineral edge.



## VILLA WOLF VARIETAL VALUES

This value-priced line of varietal wines shows the true character of each traditional variety as it is grown in the warm and sunny Pfalz region. These wines are produced primarily with fruit from contracted growers. They are vinified in a clean, crisp style — no over-ripeness, no botrytis, no malolactic — that makes them ideal everyday wines.

### Villa Wolf Gewürztraminer

Clean, fruity and wonderfully light on its feet.

### Villa Wolf Pinot Blanc

A vibrant expression of this classic variety.

### Villa Wolf Pinot Gris

Juicy and medium-bodied, with a satisfying crackle.

### Villa Wolf Riesling Dry

The traditional, medium-bodied dry style of the Pfalz region.

### Villa Wolf Sauvignon Blanc

Juicy aromatic character with a crisp backbone of acidity.

### Villa Wolf Pinot Noir Rosé

A true rosé. Light and refreshing, with bright fruit flavors.

### Villa Wolf Pinot Noir

Warm and medium-bodied, with a firm acid structure.

### Villa Wolf Dornfelder

Soft, fruity and medium-bodied, with a slightly floral aroma.