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VILLA WOLF PINOT GRIS

VILLA WOLF VARIETAL WINES

The Villa Wolf varietal line-up includes exceptionally affordable, classic Pfalz wines made from traditional varieties. These value-priced wines combine Villa Wolf estate-grown fruit with grapes from contracted growers.

THE PFALZ REGION

The Pfalz (aka 'Palatinate') region is in the Rhine river valley in southwest Germany, directly north of France's Alsace region. The low-lying Haardt mountains protect the area from cold, wet Atlantic weather, making it one of the warmer and drier areas of Germany. Wine grapes 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 structure.

THE 2014 VINTAGE

A mild winter, warm spring and erratic summer led to a somewhat early harvest. The first of the Pinot Gris was picked on Sept. 18, while the weather was still sunny and dry. The fruit was beautifully healthy, yielding wines with great aroma, freshness and balance.

WINEMAKING NOTES & TECHNICAL INFO

- Harvested at optimal ripeness for a bright, fresh style. No overripe or botrytis-affected fruit is allowed.
- Fruit processed as quickly as possible to preserve freshness.
- Fermentation in a combination of stainless steel, large neutral oak casks and concrete tanks. Blended before bottling.
- Malolactic fermentation is avoided in order to maintain lively acidity.
- Light filtration before bottling. No other filtering or fining.
- Alcohol: 12.5%
- UPC: 183103000167

KEY POINTS

- Excellent value for a classically produced Pfalz wine from Ernst Loosen.
- Bottled with the Stelvin screw-cap closure for freshness and convenience.
- Medium bodied, dry style is very food friendly.
- The Pfalz region is where Pinot Gris was first produced as a varietal wine.

PRAISE FROM THE PRESS

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"Refreshing and full of vitality, this Pinot Gris offsets zesty white grapefruit flavor with a sheen of fresh herb and floral notes. It's a dry, elegant wine, with broad appeal and a youthful vigor." (2013 vintage)

