

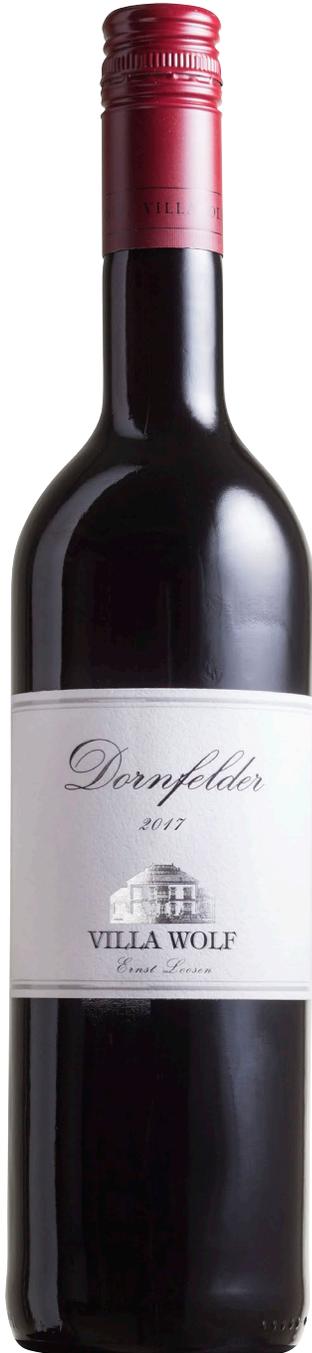


Pfalz region vineyard



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VILLA WOLF 2017 Dornfelder



VILLA WOLF VARIETAL WINES

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

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.

VILLA WOLF DORNFELDER

Dornfelder is an extremely successful German hybrid that is based on four classic varieties: Lemberger (Blaufränkisch), Portugieser, Frühburgunder and Trollinger. It produces fruity, medium-bodied wines with deep color and good acidity. Its slightly floral aroma, with flavors of plums and cherries, is balanced by velvety tannins. It has an intense color and pairs well with a wide variety of foods.

THE 2017 VINTAGE

A very warm spring kicked off an early growing season in the Pfalz. It was slowed by a bout of frost in April that inhibited shoot growth and made training the vines very difficult. A warm, wet summer promoted rapid fruit development, but also botrytis. Through extensive vineyard work, however, our team was able to harvest a clean, healthy crop in September. In spite of the challenges, the wines have excellent ripeness and bright, refreshing acidity.

TECHNICAL INFO

Appellation: Pfalz, Germany

Viticulture: Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations.

Vinification: Fermented and matured in stainless steel.

Alcohol: 10.5%

Residual Sweetness: 31.3 grams/liter

UPC: 183103000716

FROM THE PRESS

[86] *Wine Enthusiast*

"Enticing notes of bramble wood, blackberry and raspberry preserves extend from nose to palate in this easy-drinking, semisweet red. It's densely blackberried but maintains an elegantly earthy edge." *June 2019*