



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 WINE

Pinot Gris has a long tradition in the Pfalz region. In fact, it was here that the variety was first identified. Villa Wolf Pinot Gris is made in a full-bodied, dry style with fresh, unoaked fruit and a crisp texture. The fermentation is done in stainless steel to preserve freshness and enhance the vibrant fruit.

TECHNICAL INFO

- ◆ **Winery:** Villa Wolf
- ◆ **Harvest:** Harvested at optimal ripeness; Fruit processed as quickly as possible to preserve freshness; No overripe
- ◆ **Vinification:** Fermentation in stainless steel. Malolactic fermentation is avoided in order to maintain lively acidity.

RATINGS

[88] James Suckling 2019 Vintage

A very fresh wine for a pinot grigio made for drinking young. Crisp and bright finish, but on the simple side. Drink now. Screw cap.

ABOUT THE WINEMAKER

Patrick Möllendorf manages the winemaking process at Villa Wolf, from vine to cellar. He shares Ernst Loosen's philosophy that great wines are created on the vine.