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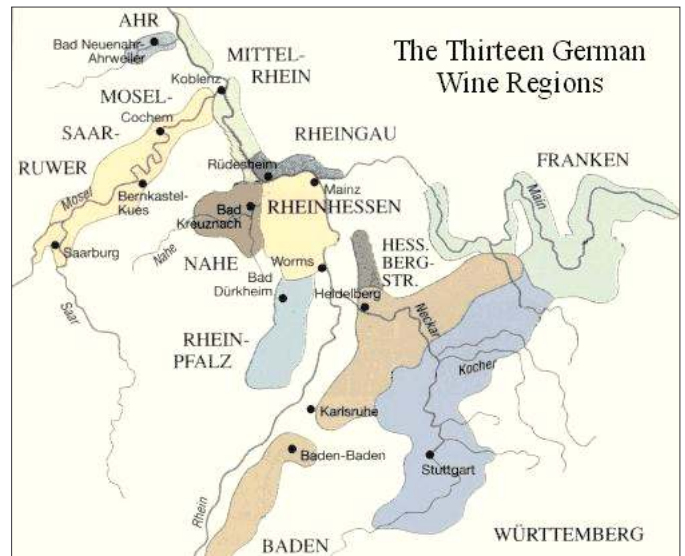
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Precipitous Riesling vineyards on Dr. Loosen's estate on the banks of the Mosel.

Our offer highlights four top producers from Germany's best wine regions including **Ernst Loosen** and **Johannes Leitz**. There are three different styles of Riesling together with an impressively rich Pinot Gris. We also have other wines available ranging from refreshingly dry Riesling Trocken to lusciously sweet Eiswein, so do call if you would like details on these.

There is still much to do to change our general perception of German wines. A number of you will know just how good the wines can be, but for those who are not so sure we hope this offer will encourage you to give them a go. The talents of these dedicated producers surely deserve that.



GUTSVERWAFTUNG
Trabener Wurzgarten
Riesling Kabinett 2007

MOSEL 10%



F.W. Langguth, established in 1789, has grown steadily to become one of Germany's most important producers. It is still family owned and Wolfgang Langguth now runs the wine operations from the 1200 hectares of vineyards. The family ownership has helped them respond to their market changes and return to their premium quality roots at Traben, near Bernkastel. This wine comes from the beautifully situated Wurzgarten vineyard (or more properly *einzellage*) on the northern bank and is a classic off-dry Riesling.

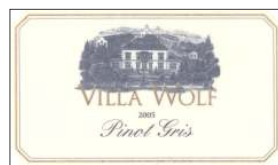
Pure aromas of lemon, minerals, grapefruit and floral hints. Clean and refreshing on the palate with bright acidity balanced by a gentle grapey sweetness. Good ripe fruit flavours, peach and nectarine, and a persistent, slightly zesty finish. Light, attractive, off-dry Kabinett.

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DE0167W £7.99

VILLA WOLF
Pinot Gris
2007

PFALZ 12%



Ernst Loosen is best known for his wines from the Dr. Loosen estate in the Mosel. However, he also makes stunning wines on the J L Wolf estate in the Pfalz, Germany's most exciting wine region. Best thought of as a northern extension of France's Alsace, it is the country's only source of Pinot Gris. The 10ha Wolf estate includes holdings in a number of Grand Cru vineyards and produces just 5000 cases. Dr Loosen keeps yields low and uses only organic fertilisers. Winemaking has also been improved with cool fermentation and early bottling to retain the pure fresh flavours.

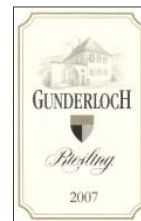
Aromas of melon and peach with subtle floral notes. Full and rich to taste with melon, peach and fig, smokey, spicy notes and a citrus edge. There is a good spicy complexity and a just dry finish, reminiscent of an Alsace wine. Good now but will improve.

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GUNDERLOCH
Riesling QBA
2007

RHEINHESSEN 11.5%



Gunderloch is a small but influential producer based in Nackenheim in the Rheinhessen. Through the efforts of Fritz and Agnes Hasselbach, it has become one of Germany's leading producers. They harvest very late and ferment at such low temperatures that fermentation can take up to 80 days! The whole process is gravity-fed to minimise bruising and off flavours and the resulting wines are remarkably pure and full, as demonstrated by their entry-level yet quite exceptional Riesling.

Pale straw colour and pure, clean aromas of apple, pear and peach. Pure and refreshing with surprisingly rich flavours of quince, peach, apple and a touch of lemon zest. Finishes very long with mineral notes and attractive grapey sweetness balanced by fresh acidity. A ripe almost creamy, off-dry style with good body and impressive length.

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DE0157W £8.99

LEITZ Rudesheimer
Magdalenenkreuz
Riesling Spatlese 2005

RHEINGAU 8.5%



Johannes Leitz is the latest family member to run this estate in Rudesheim. His pure, focused, *terroir*-driven wines have won many awards and prompted Jancis Robinson to enthuse that Leitz is 'one of the absolute superstars, not just of the Rheingau but of German wine in toto.' Johannes has an almost Burgundian attitude to wine-making, with minimal intervention and the use of wild yeasts. This Riesling is from the Magdalenenkreuz vineyard and is grown on rich loam soils that impart a distinctive minerality.

Aromas of lime, kiwi fruit and subtle floral notes. Surprisingly rich and full in the mouth with ripe, grapey sweetness and mineral overtones. The medium sweetness is nicely balanced by mineral acidity and a subtle orange tang, particularly on the lingering finish. Young and delicious now but will develop.

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