

Wine Estates in Germany



Wöhrle, Lahr

Region: BADEN
Vineyards: Lahr (Kronenbühl, Kirchgasse, Herrentisch)
Varietals: Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir), Grauer Burgunder (pinot gris), Weisser Burgunder (pinot blanc), Auxerrois
Owner: Markus & Tanja Wöhrle
Winemaker: Markus Wöhrle

Remarks: a member of the prestigious VDP association since 2004, organic production with focus on pinot varieties and dry wines.

The town and vineyards of Lahr are on the edge of the Rhine valley, nestling into the rising slopes of the Black Forest, and on the opposite side of the river to Alsace. Deep loess and loess-loamy fertile soils combine with a warm and protected macroclimate to create a very specific terroir that can produce great wines. The vineyards used to belong to the town, hence the name *Stadt Lahr* (town of Lahr), but were leased to the Wöhrle family in 1979. The ownership was then taken in 1997 and in 2002 their son Markus became the winemaker, and since then the estate has increased from 5 to 16 hectares (40 acres), ably assisted by his wife Tanja. The estate has been devoted to organic cultivation for 25 years with European certification.

After so many years the vines and soils have become a very intact ecological system, but require far more intensive care and attention than traditional cultivation. With gentle and careful work in the cellars, the special mineral character and style are maintained. Full-bodied, firmly structured wines that are predestined to be fermented dry.

To give a clear profile, the regular wines including Kabinett are labeled without the vineyard site. The vineyard names are only used for the selected best qualities, as also for the Great Growths.



Stadt Lahr becomes Wöhrle
New name for the estate with new labels.

