



**Varietal: Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) 100%**

**Vineyards: Southern Pfalz**

**Appellation: Pfalz QbA**

Liesl's vineyards lie in the Southern Pfalz region of Germany, where Pinot Noir thrives. The soils are deep loess-loam, which means sandy, chalky and clay. Perfect for Pinot Noir. The vineyard area in the southern part of the Pfalz receives significantly greater sunlight hours and warmth during the summers than most German wine regions. As Anne Krebiehl of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* says, "Pinot Noir loves marginal climates. Which is to say, it loves warm sites in cool regions. This is the paradox behind the variety's most poetic and captivating expressions." Liesl Pinot achieves ideal ripening in this terroir, while the still relatively northern and continental climate maintains acidity and balance.

**Vinification:** Liesl Pinot Noir is 100% hand-harvested from small plots with a maximum production capacity of 1,200 9L cases. The wine undergoes a cooler maceration in stainless steel tanks using the pump-over technique for maximum extraction. The wine is then transferred to large oak barrels which help "flesh out" the Pinot Noir without imparting too much "oaky" character to the wine. Liesl then spends several months in bottle before leaving the winery.

**Tasting Notes:** Aromas of black cherry and dark fruits are accented by cranberry and savory notes. Allspice, cinnamon and clove come through on the mid-palate with the sweet yet savory flavors continuing. A nice acidity frames the wine, with a touch of oak spices and the red and dark fruit aromas and flavors carrying through on the finish.

**ABV: 13%**

**The name Liesl means "In the spiritual and beautiful, you find satisfaction." Wine is Spiritual and Beautiful.**

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