

## BOOKHAM WINE CLUB MONDAY JANUARY 14 2019

### Wines of Germany

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**Dr Loosen Extra Dry Riesling Sekt** — bone dry sparkling Riesling, a great style that is perfect as an aperitif. Enjoy a bouquet of fresh cut green apple and elderflower combined with a lemon/lime zest and a refined mousse.

**Villa Wolf Pinot Noir** — a brilliant example of German Pinot Noir (Spatburgunder) from the warmer climes of the Pfalz. Villa Wolf Pinot Noir is warm and medium-bodied, with a firm acid structure. Its dark cherry fruit is juicy, ripe and forward, with a spicy mid-palate. Twelve months of barrique aging gives the wine a smoky depth and a nice touch of earthy tannins. This is a very grown-up Pinot Noir for the price, and an excellent wine for everyday dining.

**Fürst Pinot Noir Tradition** - Fürst is reputed as one of the top red wine producers in the country. Their viticulture and vinification is heavily influenced by Burgundian practices and they work alongside some of the best known names in the French region to develop growing techniques that are conducive to producing the very best examples of Pinot Noir possible.

**Schnaitmann Simonroth Lemberger** - Württemberg has only recently gained a reputation for top quality German wine, previously known for 'lesser' grapes like Trollinger. Rainer Schnaitmann has taken out a lot of poor quality vines and planted a host of new varieties in his vineyards, but majors on Riesling, Pinot Noir and Lemberger. He took over his estate in the mid 1990's and it is now around 25 hectares in total. Grape Variety: Lemberger, perhaps better known as Austria's Blaufränkisch.

**Dönnhoff Riesling QbA Dry** - one top wine writer said that if the Nahe (region) was akin to the Cote d'Or then Dönnhoff would be Romanee Conti! There are too many superlatives to describe the attention to detail with which this family farm makes Riesling. Their precision and intricacy are second to none.

**Karl Johner Pinot Gris** - just over the Vogues mountains from Alsace, Baden Baden produces exceptional quality Pinot Gris and this style is partly aged in barrel, is a much rounder, more complex style than found in most of Italy. A real eye opener.

**Dr Loosen Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Kabinett** - Possibly the best known quality German producer in the world, sold in over 100 countries, Erni Loosen is a world advocate for fine Riesling. Kabinett is a style of wine unique to this grape variety and the origins of it are in fact mostly due to convenience! This vineyard, known as the spice garden produces a very aromatic example, that works perfectly with Thai cuisine and other dishes cooked with chilli.