



**PRESS INFORMATION**  
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## **Riesling and Pinot Noir – the perfect choice for winter**

Germany may be famed for its world-class white wines but unbeknown to most, it is one of the best countries for Pinot Noir, producing more than Australia, New Zealand and Chile combined\*. While German Riesling is well-known for its versatility and unrivaled quality, German Pinot Noir is also developing a loyal fan base in the wine trade with experts such as Jancis Robinson, praising its ability to compete with top wines from prestigious wineries in Burgundy\*\*.

Both German Pinot Noir and Riesling display pronounced fruit flavours, paired with a fine, balanced acidity making them particularly good food-matching wines. So, if you're planning on indulging in some fine gastronomy as the dark nights draw in, here's our pick of some of the best from Germany available on the high street this winter.

If you enjoyed one of the many German wines on offer during this summer's Riesling Week, then why not try a bottle of **Dreissigacker Riesling Trocken 2009** (*Corks Out, £13.95*) from winning retailer Corks Out? With fruity aromas and a full-bodied texture, this is an ideal wine for special occasions – perfect for serving alongside your Christmas turkey with all the trimmings.

**Dr Loosen's Red Slate Riesling 2010** (*Corks Out, £10.50*) from the famous Mosel region is a lighter style wine with floral aromas of citrus blossom. At only 12.5% alcohol, this is the perfect wine to serve for your guests as an aperitif with canapés.

With the game season well under way, make the most of your succulent duck, pheasant and partridge by partnering it with **Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2009** (*Avery's, selected independent merchants, £9.99*) – with warm, spicy notes and dark cherry fruit, this is a great wine to enjoy with an autumnal stew.

**Palataia Pinot Noir 2010** (*Marks and Spencers £8.99*) is a fruity, multi-layered wine from the Pfalz with ripe wild berry and cherry aromas, enhanced by underlying gamey flavours. A versatile wine, this is worthy of a place on the dinner table as a partner to a hearty Sunday roast.

If you're going to a dinner party and have a wine-buff friend you want to impress, take a bottle of the **Johann Wolf Pinot Noir 2008** (*Laithwaites, £10.99*). With intensive dark cherry aromas, accompanied by light savoury notes, this wine is a great match for herb-rubbed lamb.

Deep ruby red in colour, **Dyade 52 Pinot Noir 2007** (*Winehaus and Touchstone Wines, £9.95*) is a smooth, velvety wine which would accompany your Boxing Day buffet perfectly.]

Looking to cut back in January? Feel more virtuous by switching to a naturally lower-alcohol German Riesling. With a lower-than-average alcohol level of 10.5%, **Palatium Riesling 2010** (*Tesco, £5.49*) is a light, crisp modern wine that pairs well with white fish and vegetarian dishes.

So whether you're looking for a light aperitif to serve at your Christmas party, a warming red wine to drink by the fire or an elegant white to bring in the New Year, there's a German wine to suit every taste and occasion this winter.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

\*The latest statistics show the following Pinot Noir areas worldwide: France 28,010ha (Viniflor 2006), USA 15,929 ha (California Agricultural Statistics Service 2007, Washington Vineyard Acreage Report 2006, Oregon Vineyard & Winery Report 2007), Germany 11,807ha (Verband Deutscher Weinexporteure e.V. nach Angaben des Statistischen Bundesamtes 2006), Australia 4,253ha (Australian Wine & Brandy Corporation 2006), New Zealand 4,063ha (New Zealand Winegrowers Vineyard Surveys 2006), Chile 1,382 ha (Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero 2006)

\*\* When comparing German Spätburgunder and Burgundy Pinot Noir in September 2007, Jancis Robinson commented: "Of the six German wines, I gave only one wine less than 17. Of the eight burgundies, four scored lower than 17. The biggest surprise of all was that my favourite and most highly rated wine was a Spätburgunder"

## STOCKISTS

**Dreissigacker Riesling Trocken 2009, Rheinhessen 12% abv,**  
Corks Out, £13.95 ([www.corksout.com](http://www.corksout.com))

**Dr Loosen's Red Slate Riesling 2010, Mosel, 12.5% abv**  
Corks Out, £10.50 ([www.corksout.com](http://www.corksout.com))

**Palatium Riesling 2010, 10.5% abv**  
Tesco, £5.49 (<http://www.tesco.com/wine/>)

**Palataia Pinot Noir 2010, Pfalz, 13.5% abv**  
Marks and Spencers £8.99 ([www.marksandspencers.com/wine](http://www.marksandspencers.com/wine))

**Villa Wolf Pinot Noir 2009, Pfalz, 12.5% abv**  
Avery's, selected independent merchants, £9.99 ([www.averys.com](http://www.averys.com))

**Johann Wolf Pinot Noir 2008, Pfalz, 12.5%**  
Laithwaites, £10.99 ([www.laithwaites.co.uk](http://www.laithwaites.co.uk))

**Dyade 52 Pinot Noir 2007, Baden 13.5% abv**

Winehaus and Touchstone Wines, £9.95 ([www.winehaus.co.uk](http://www.winehaus.co.uk) / [www.touchstonewines.co.uk](http://www.touchstonewines.co.uk))