

Wasenhaus 2020 Pinot Noir "Bellen"

Varietal(s)	Pinot Noir
Region	Baden, Germany
Short Summary	
Terroir	Baden is likely Germany's warmest wine producing region. Winter and spring bring a plentiful supply of precipitation, but during summer and fall becomes one of the driest zones in all of Germany. Bellen is the only vineyard that is completely managed by Christoph and Alex. This west-facing slope is composed of clay and limestone soils somewhat similar to what is found in Burgundy. It's the wine in the range with the highest degree of French clones at 50% (the rest are German clones), which not surprisingly can make it a challenge to guess that it comes from Germany.
Cellar Notes	The spontaneous fermentation with 50% whole clusters (100% of all the French clones with full stems and all German clones destemmed) takes place in a small wooden tank and lasts nearly three weeks. The grapes are gently extracted and sulfur is used judiciously (no more than 30-50 parts per million in total) and not applied until after malolactic fermentation. Their theory on the timing of the first sulfur addition is that the tannins will more smoothly integrate than with sulfite additions before either fermentation, especially when whole cluster fermentations are involved.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist This wine is not certified organic but it is farmed organically by Alex and Christophe.
Alcohol %	12.5-13.0
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High