

## The Wines of LEO Diedesheim in the Pfalz, Germany



- LEO is a new German winery concept for Austrian winemaker, Leo Hillinger. Located in the Germany wine region of the Pfalz, the winery can draw on the regions ability to cultivate a broad range of varietals, from Riesling to Pinot Noir to Cabernet.
- The wine styles from LEO are very modern, almost New World in their fruit-forwardness. These wines are not what you might typically expect from Germany.
- LEO also has changed the playing field regarding marketing of German wines. The labels are sleek and modern. The LEO wines would be at home in the hippest clubs and wine bars. This is not your grandmother's German wine!!



**2007 Legere White** - Legere is a line of wines from LEO that are meant to be everyday, easy-drinking wines. This white is a blend of Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Silvaner and Pinot Blanc. The nose is fruity with apples and citrus aromas. On the palate, bright crisp fruit and citrus with a clean, refreshing finish.

**2006 Legere Red** - This red is a blend of 60% merlot and 40% pinot noir. The wine is un-oaked with a fruit forward style. On the nose dark berries and cherries with a hint of chocolate. On the palate, cherry and plum flavors with a soft, smooth finish.

**2007 x-Treme Riesling** - The Rieslings from the Pfalz are traditionally dry. This wine is no exception. The shows a basket of orchard fruits of Fuji apples, granny smith apples, and pears with a crisp finish. Lufthansa Airlines recently purchased 6,500 cases of this Riesling for their First Class cabin. Maybe you can't afford to fly first-class transatlantic, but you can taste this wine.

**2006 x-Treme Pinot Noir** - Pinot Noir is a specialty for Germany. In fact, the country is now the third largest producer of Pinot in the world, after France and the US. German pinot always has a terrific backbone and great ageing potential. The Leo Pinot is no exception, but the Leo combines the German structure with some new world fruitiness that will appeal to American wine drinkers.

**2007 Sundowner Cabernet Eiswein** - A Cabernet Sauvignon Eiswein? Wow, how cool is that! Made from red grapes, this Eiswein has a wonderful Rosé color. On the palate, this Eiswein is very different from its Riesling cousins. An explosion of strawberry preserves followed by a crisp, clean finish. A seductively, delicious wine!