

WINZERHOF **STAHL**TM

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Franken, Germany



(Reisling 2023) "What a daringly expressive dry riesling for the Franken region. Complex and youthful smoky and flinty nose. I love the interplay of smoke and cool citrus character on the finely chiseled, medium-bodied palate. Long, very racy finish with full-throttle minerality and mouthwatering lemon zest freshness." 94 points, Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com (May 2024)

(Silvaner 2023) "Ripe yellow fruit infused with fresh herbs. No overt signs of oak, good palate definition with a distinctive saltiness to the fruit. No fat, only muscle. Impressively long. Ambitious." 95 points, Caro Maurer MW, Decanter (October 2024)

(Chardonnay Sonnenstuhl 2022) "If anyone doubts that German chardonnay is capable of greatness, here is conclusive proof. Deep nose of lemon curd and Mirabelle plums with terrific leesy and flint complexity. Enormous concentration and structure, but every bit as much precision and with a breathtaking coolness at the extremely long finish." 96 points, Stuart Pigott, JamesSuckling.com (May 2024)

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Winzerhof Stahl is a dynamic young estate from one of Germany's rising star winemakers, Christian Stahl. Christian has been making waves on the national and international wine scene since he established the estate in 2005, winning multiple accolades across the world in recognition of his talent and contribution to the world of wine.

Based in Franken, in Bavaria, Stahl makes wines in a region with a long and fruitful viticultural history, spanning over 1200 years. The *Main River* runs through the verdant countryside, where small villages of cobblestone paving and timber-framed houses dot the landscape. Auernhofen, where Winzerhof Stahl is situated, is one of these such villages. Over 15 years ago, Christian started the winery with 1.5 hectares that he inherited from his family farm. A passion project, fronted by an ambitious Christian, who proudly owns over 40 hectares today. Along the hillside banks of the *Tauber*, *Main*, and *Steigerwald* rivers, their low-yielding vineyards face south and southwest, on a base of limestone and clayey marl soils, and are planted with local varieties such as Müller Thurgau, Silvaner, Pinot Blanc, and Scheurebe, and international varieties for example Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Chenin blanc to name a few. With a firm commitment to sustainability, the winery is run using solar energy from solar panels, for heating they use firewood taken from the property's forest, and natural spring water for all cleaning purposes comes from the winery's well. Manual harvesting and a rigorous selection of fruit are followed by fermentation using natural yeasts, long lees contact, and a reductive winemaking process throughout.

Stahl makes whites in two different tiers. In the estate wines, we were impressed by the concentration of white and green fruit characters which are well-balanced by a beautiful tension and acidity; they offer brilliant value. The 'Best Of' selections are without doubt world-class whites, presenting exquisite harmony between complex mouth-watering fruit, subtle oak, and intriguing savory notes. We were wowed by the Sauvignon Blanc and Scheurebe wines upon tasting – they are worthy of any wine list. Dry whites are indeed the signature at Winzerhof Stahl; expect impeccable balance, precise structure, and sharp acidity, with the underlining mineral backbone indicative of the terroir.

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
White Wine					
WS0323	Silvaner	2023	13.0%	Screw Cap	6x0.75lt
WS0721	Chardonnay 'Sonnestuhl'	2021	13.5%	Cork	6x0.75lt
WS0124	Nachschlag 'Bright Side of Life'	2024	11.5%	Screw Cap	6x0.75lt
WS0520	Scheurebe 'Cyriakusberg'	2020	13.0%	Cork	6x0.75lt
WS0223	Weissburgunder	2023	12.5%	Screw Cap	6x0.75lt