



Botrytis-affected Riesling grapes for BA

Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## DR. LOOSEN 2014 Riesling Beerenauslese

### DR. LOOSEN ESTATE

The Dr. Loosen estate has been in the same family for over 200 years. When Ernst Loosen assumed ownership in 1988, he realized that he had vines in some of Germany's best-rated vineyards. To maximize the potential of those vines, he restricts crop size, uses only organic fertilization, insists on very strict fruit selection, and employs gentle cellar practices with a minimum of handling.

### THE MOSEL REGION

Located in far western Germany, the Mosel valley's steep, southfacing slopes create the perfect climate for Riesling, giving the vines ideal exposure to the sun. The cool climate allows the grapes to ripen slowly while retaining bright acidity.

### RIESLING BEERENAUSELE ("BA")

Beerenauslese ("berry select") is a rich, honeyed dessert wine made from grapes that have been partially shriveled by the botrytis fungus, also known as "Noble Rot." These extremely concentrated, moldy grapes are painstakingly separated from the unaffected fruit and vinified to make one of Germany's most prized vinous treasures.

The legal minimum for BA must weight is 110° Oechsle, but at Dr. Loosen it usually starts with a minimum of 120° Oechsle (28 Brix). This Beeren auslese, exclusively from estate-owned vineyards, has a juicy mouthful of ripe fruits with a finish that is long and satisfying, but never heavy. It is perfect as an aperitif, with rich foods like foie gras, or with creamy desserts featuring fresh fruits.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Appellation:** Mosel

**Viticulture:** Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations

**Average Yield:** 50 hl/ha

**Harvest Method:** Selective hand picking of partially shriveled botrytis grapes

**Vinification:** Whole-cluster pressing; natural settling; fermented in a temperature-controlled stainless steel tank

**Alcohol:** 6.5%

**Residual Sweetness:** 150 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 10 grams/liter

**UPC:** 183103000457

