



Blue Devonian Slate



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## DR. LOOSEN 2017 Blue Slate Riesling Kabinett

### 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.

### BLUE SLATE RIESLING KABINETT

This classic Mosel Kabinett is harvested from higher-elevation parcels owned by Dr. Loosen in the villages of Bernkastel, Graach and Wehlen. The wine is bright and pure with the vibrant white peach fruit and a floral, flinty minerality that is so typical from blue slate. A plush attack on the mid-palate leads to a deliciously firm, delicate finish. This wine makes an elegant aperitif and is an excellent match for seafood, spicy Asian cuisine and lighter dishes.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Soil Type:** Blue Devonian slate

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

**Average Yield:** 70 hl/ha

**Harvest Method:** Selective hand picking

**Harvest Date:** October 2016

**Vinification:** Cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks; fermentation stopped by chilling

**Bottling date:** April 2017

**Alcohol:** 7.5%

**Residual Sweetness:** 41.3 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 9.7 grams/liter

**UPC:** 183103000570

