



Graacher Himmelreich Vineyard



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

DR. LOOSEN

2016 Graacher Himmelreich Riesling GG Alte Reben



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 dramatically limits 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.

GRAACHER HIMMELREICH RIESLING GG ALTE REBEN

Graach is a small village that lies between two more-famous neighbors, Bernkastel and Wehlen. Its steep, southwest-facing slopes and deep soils produce wines that combine the elegance of Wehlen with the rustic strength of Bernkastel.

Grosses Gewächs (GG) means "great growth" in German and is the designation for an estate's best dry wine from a Grosse Lage (grand cru) vineyard. This limited-production wine is from a parcel of extremely old vines ("alte Reben"). It is fermented with indigenous yeasts and kept in the barrel, on the full lees, for a year before it is bottled. The extended maturation time allows the wine to develop greater texture and a natural harmony.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Soil Type: Blue Devonian slate

Age of Vines: Minimum 100 years; ungrafted

Vineyard Management: Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations

Viticulture: Fermented with indigenous yeasts in traditional 1,000-liter Fuder casks; matured on the full lees for 12 months; no bâtonnage

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total Acidity: 6.6 grams/liter

Residual Sweetness: 9 grams/liter

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FROM THE PRESS

[93] *Wine Advocate*

"Deep, pure and flinty on the nose, with lovely tropical fruit and herbal aromas intermixed with notes of crushed stones. On the palate, this is a round, intense and very juicy Himmelreich from 130-year-old vines. Dense and with finely grained tannins and minerals, the 2016 reveals impressive complexity and length." *April 2018 – Issue 236*