



Ürziger Würzgarten Vineyard



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## DR. LOOSEN 2016 Ürziger Würzgarten 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 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.

### ÜRZIGER WÜRZGARTEN RIESLING GG ALTE REBEN

Ürzig produces wines of a completely unique nature, showcasing the typically exotic fruit flavors of the "spice garden," with a rich texture, gentle acidity and lingering finish. Grosses Gewächs (GG) means "great growth" and is the designation for an estate's best dry wine from a Grosse Lage (grand cru) vineyard. This "great growth" Riesling is from a parcel of extremely old vines ("alte Reben") that lies directly behind the village and is still referred to by its historical name, Urglück ("original luck").

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Soil Type:** Red volcanic sandstone

**Age of Vines:** Over 100 years; on original rootstocks

**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:** 12.5%

**Total Acidity:** 8.0 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 7.0 grams/liter

**UPC:** 183103000563

### FROM THE PRESS

[95] [Wine Advocate \(RobertParker.com\)](#)

"Clear, deep and flinty on the nose, with herbal and mineral aromas as well as great purity and precision and a touch of tropical fruit aromas. Salty-piquant and enormously lush but also salty, this is a gorgeous Riesling with very fine tannins, stimulating crystallinity and mineral freshness. This is another highlight of the Loosen crus in 2016. This has great finesse and elegance and is enormously mouthwatering in the finish. Impressive."

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