



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## 2016 DR. L RIESLING

### 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.

### DR. L RIESLING

This entry-level Loosen Bros. Riesling embodies the elegant and racy characteristics of steep, slate-soil Mosel vineyards at a very reasonable price. It is a bright, vibrant, fruit-driven wine made with grapes from contracted growers throughout the Mosel River valley who work very closely with brothers Ernst and Thomas Loosen to achieve excellent quality and superb concentration in every vintage.

We call it our "Welcome to the Mosel!" wine.

### THE 2016 VINTAGE

In 2016, the Mosel valley had a cool, wet spring and summer. The prospects for an excellent vintage were rather gloomy until sunny, hot weather arrived in September. Ripeness had been delayed, but came on quickly with the warmer temperatures. Good weather continued through October, giving us beautifully ripe fruit that we could harvest at a measured pace.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Appellation:** Mosel

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

**Harvest Method:** Selective hand picking

**Vinification:** Produced in 100% stainless steel; fermentation stopped by chilling

**Alcohol:** 8.5%

**Residual Sweetness:** 44.2 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 8.6 grams/liter

**UPC:** 183103000013

