



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## DR. L SPARKLING RIESLING

### LOOSEN BROS.

*Gebrüder Loosen* (“Loosen Brothers” in German), is the winemaking company that produces the range of Dr. L wines. It is owned by Ernst Loosen, who also owns the Dr. Loosen estate, and is managed by his younger brother, Thomas. Together, the brothers work with small growers throughout the Mosel region to source fruit for the wines, which are vinified by the same highly skilled cellar team that produces the Dr. Loosen estate wines. Very strict quality standards require that the growers improve their viticulture in order to sustainably grow the healthy, perfectly ripe fruit that Ernst and Thomas want for these wines.

### THE MOSEL REGION

Located in far western Germany, the Mosel valley’s steep, southfacing slopes and slate soil create the perfect conditions for Riesling, giving the vines ideal exposure to the sun and a racy minerality. The cool, northern climate allows the grapes to ripen slowly, for full flavor development, while retaining bright, refreshing acidity.

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Sparkling wine has a long, rich tradition in Germany, where it has been called “Sekt” since the late 1800s. Germans are the biggest consumers of sparkling wine in the world, and most of the Sekt they produce is sold at home. But it’s such delightful stuff, we thought it was time for American wine drinkers to discover real German Sekt.

Dr. L Sparkling Riesling is 100% pure Riesling — the crisp, fruity grape that has made German wine famous for centuries. It is made using the Charmat method, where the second fermentation is done in a pressurized tank to keep the bubbles in the wine. This method produces bright, clean sparkling wines in a more affordable way, which makes it possible to offer this charming bubbler at a very nice everyday price.

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Alcohol:** 12.0%

**Residual Sweetness:** 18.8 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 8.5 grams/liter

**PH:** 3.06

### FROM THE PRESS

**[90] Wine Enthusiast**

“Fruit and floral tones take center stage in this richly textured Riesling Sekt. Its pétillance spreads lushly, offering loads of ripe nectarine and yellow plum flavors, while darts of lemony acidity keep the palate pert and bright. It’s a riper, more yielding style likely to appeal to a wide audience.” *April 2016*

