

Erdener Prälät Vineyard



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

DR. LOOSEN 2016 Erdener Prälät 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.

ERDENER PRÄLAT RIESLING GG ALTE REBEN

Erdener Prälät is considered by many to be the greatest vineyard in the Mosel region. The site has perfect southern exposure, a 100-percent (45°) slope, very old vines in well-drained red slate soil, and an ideal location directly adjacent to the river.

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 Riesling is from extremely old vines ("alte Reben") and is fermented spontaneously in traditional Fuder casks. It is then kept on the full lees for 12 months before bottling. The extended maturation time allows the wine to develop greater texture and a natural harmony.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Soil Type: Red Devonian slate

Age of Vines: Over 100 years; on original rootstocks

Vineyard Management: Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations

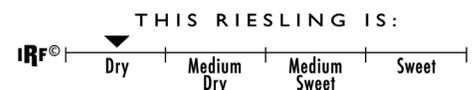
Viticulture: Fermented with indigenous yeasts in traditional 1,000-liter Fuder casks; matured on the full lees for 12 months; no bâtonnage

Alcohol: 13.0%

Total Acidity: 6.6 grams/liter

Residual Sweetness: 9 grams/liter

UPC: None



FROM THE PRESS

[96] *Stuart Pigott (JamesSuckling.com)*

"This has great purity and very delicate yeasty flavors. Terribly lush and salty-piquant on the palate, this is a round and elegant, highly complex and persistent Riesling with very fine tannins and melting salt from up to 130-year-old vines." *April 2018*