



Erdener Treppchen Vineyard

Winemaker Ernst Loosen

## DR. LOOSEN 2015 Erdener Treppchen Riesling Auslese



### 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.

### ERDENER TREPPCHEN RIESLING AUSLESE

The Erdener Treppchen (pronounced AIR-din-er TREP-shen) vineyard is so steep that long ago, stone steps were built into the hillside to enable workers to reach the vines. The iron-rich, red slate soil here produces densely packed wines with a firm mineral structure.

The German word Auslese [pronounced OWS-lay-zuh] means "selected from the harvest," and is a luscious, limited-production sweet wine made from very ripe clusters that are about 50 percent affected by botrytis. The wine is dense, intensely flavored and rich on the palate, but balanced by Riesling's naturally crisp acidity and the muscular structure that comes from the red slate soil of the Erdener Treppchen vineyard.

### 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 in stainless steel; fermentation stopped by chilling

**Alcohol:** 8.0%

**Total Acidity:** 10.0 grams/liter

**Residual Sweetness:** 92.1 grams/liter

**UPC:** 183103000136 (750ml); 183103000303 (375ml)

### FROM THE PRESS

#### [92-95] Mosel Fine Wines

"This offers a gorgeous nose of yellow peach wrapped into a hint of apricot, some white minerals and lots of fine spices. The wine is gorgeously fruity and vibrant on the palate and leaves a superb yet playful "Auslese GK" feel in the creamy and vibrant finish." *October 2016*