



Graacher Himmelreich Vineyard



Winemaker Ernst Loosen

DR. LOOSEN 2014 GRAACHER HIMMELREICH RIESLING SPÄTLESE



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 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

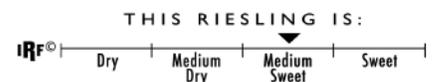
Located in far western Germany, the Mosel valley's steep, southfacing slopes create the perfect climate for Riesling, giving the vines ideal exposure to the sun. The cool climate allows the grapes to ripen slowly while retaining bright acidity.

GRAACHER HIMMELREICH RIESLING SPÄTLESE

Graach is a small village that lies between two more-famous neighbors: Bernkastel and Wehlen. Its steep, southwest-facing slopes and deep soils produce wines that combine the elegance of Wehlen with the rustic strength of Bernkastel. This Spätlese, from the grand cru "Kingdom of Heaven" vineyard, is a mineral-driven Riesling that combines extraordinary concentration and length with bracing acidity.

TECHNICAL INFO

- **Grape variety:** 100% Riesling
- **Soil type:** Blue Devonian slate
- **Age of vines:** 60 years average; ungrafted
- **Viticulture:** Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations
- **Average yield:** 50 hl/ha
- **Harvest method:** Selective hand picking
- **Harvest date:** October 2014
- **Vinification:** Cool fermentation in a combination of stainless steel tanks and traditional Fuder barrels; fermentation stopped by chilling.
- **Alcohol:** 8.0%
- **UPC:** 183103000273



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[93] *Wine Enthusiast* — Cellar Selection —

"Whiffs of Assam tea and honey permeate throughout this bright, bristling spätlese accenting succulent yellow peach and tangerine flavors. It's vibrant and brisk, but finishes on a sweet, meandering marmalade kiss. Stunning already but structured enough to evolve beautifully." (April 2016)