



Wehlener Sonnenuhr Vineyard

Winemaker Ernst Loosen

DR. LOOSEN 2015 Wehlener Sonnenuhr 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 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.

WEHLENER SONNENUHR RIESLING GG ALTE REBEN

The famous "sundial" vineyard, in the village of Wehlen, produces the quintessential Mosel Riesling: delicate and refined, with racy minerality and endless charm. 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 wine was fermented with indigenous yeasts in a neutral oak cask, and kept on the full lees for a year before bottling. The extended maturation time allows the wine to develop greater texture and to find its natural harmony.

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Vineyard Source: The very old "Laichen" parcel of Wehlener Sonnenuhr

Soil Type: Blue Devonian slate

Age of Vines: Over 100 years; on original rootstocks

Vineyard Management: Sustainable, according to strict German environmental regulations

Viticulture: Fermented with indigenous yeast in a 3,000-liter, neutral oak, cask; matured on the full lees for 12 months; no bâtonnage

Alcohol: 12.5%

Total Acidity: 7.3 grams/liter

Residual Sweetness: 8.7 grams/liter

UPC: None

FROM THE PRESS

[94] [Stuart Pigott \(JamesSuckling.com\)](#)

"Because Erni Loosen has been making the GGs from the Würzgarten, Treppchen and Prälät longer than this wine, it often gets ignored or underrated. The nose is like a huge bouquet of flowers, and you need some time to take them all in. The palate's generous and juicy, but also very elegant and graceful, the very ripe gently acidity lifting the rich body. Intensely mineral finish." *October 2016*