



#### THE BERNKASTELER LAY VINEYARD

*(The Slate of Bernkastel)*

Bernkasteler Lay (pronounced LIE — an old dialect word for “slate”) is situated around the Dr. Loosen estate house, directly along the Mosel, just outside the village of Bernkastel. As the name indicates, the soil is predominantly blue slate, but is heavier and deeper than the soil in the neighboring villages of Wehlen or Graach. This site also has a somewhat gentler slope than the estate’s other vineyards. It produces richly textured, assertive wines.

#### BERNKASTELER LAY RIESLING KABINETT

Kabinett is the lightest and most delicate style of Riesling in Germany. It is produced from the earliest picking ripe grapes in the best vineyard sites. No other wine in the world can compare with the elegance and subtlety of fine Mosel Riesling Kabinett. Elegant does not mean weak, however, as this densely packed Dr. Loosen Kabinett shows in its aromatic intensity and concentrated texture.

#### VINEYARD CLASSIFICATION:

The parcels owned by Dr. Loosen were rated “First Vineyard” (Erste Lage) in the 1868 Prussian classification of the Mosel, and “Great First-Class” in the *Wine Atlas of Germany* by Hugh Johnson & Stuart Pigott (1995).

#### PRAISE FROM THE PRESS:

“Bordering on tart, this is a lean, bracing style that shows more apple and lime than peach. Certainly wakes up the palate.”

**88** — *Wine Spectator*

#### KEY POINTS:

- Stylish single-vineyard wine from a world-class estate.
- Low alcohol for today’s healthier lifestyle.
- An elegant aperitif wine, this is also an excellent partner for lighter dishes that emphasize fresh ingredients.