

# DR. LOOSEN

## 2010 BERNKASTELER LAY RIESLING KABINETT



*The Bernkasteler Lay vineyard (foreground)*

### THE 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, with ungrafted vines averaging 60 years old in some of Germany's best-rated vineyards, he had the raw materials to create stunningly intense, world-class wines. To achieve that, Ernst dramatically restricts crop size, uses only organic fertilization, insists on very strict fruit selection, and employs gentle cellar practices to allow the wine to develop its full potential with a minimum of handling.

### THE MOSEL REGION

The Mosel's steep, south-facing slopes create the perfect climate for Riesling, giving the vines ideal exposure to the sun. Generally cool conditions allow the grapes to ripen slowly while retaining bright acidity. Rocky outcroppings and stony soil reflect sunlight and hold in heat, creating very warm microclimates in the best sites and helping to ensure excellent ripeness. Thin topsoil forces the vines to dig deep for water and nutrients, producing vibrant wines that capture the strong minerality of the soil.

Dr. Loosen's single-vineyard vines average 70 years old, all on original rootstock (phylloxera can't survive in the Mosel, so ungrafted vines are allowed here). Old vines produce naturally lower yields, resulting in higher concentration and richness.



### 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 it is heavier and deeper than the soil in the neighboring villages of Wehlen or Graach. This site has a gentler slope than the estate's other vineyards. It produces richly textured, assertive wines.

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Kabinett is the lightest and most delicate style of Riesling in Germany, produced from the earliest grapes in the best vineyard sites. Mosel Kabinetts are some of the most elegant and subtle wines in the world. This densely packed

Dr. Loosen Riesling Kabinett shows both elegance and strength in its aromatic intensity and concentrated texture.

### 2010 tasting notes

The 2010 vintage in the Mosel was supercharged with full ripeness, astonishing acidity and dense mineral extract. It's as if nature turned up the volume on every component of the wine. The 2010 Bernkasteler Lay Kabinett has an extraordinarily deep and complex aroma of peach and citrus. The extremely ripe (but not overripe) fruit gives it a dense, mouth-filling texture and the brilliant acidity produces a long, juicy finish

### ACCOLADES FOR ERNST LOOSEN

- Star Winemaker, Europe, 2010, *Wine Behind the label, 7th ed.*
- Man of the Year 2005, *Decanter*
- White Wine Maker of the Year 2005, *Wine International*
- World's 50 Most Influential Winemakers, *Wine & Spirits*
- Germany's Winemaker of the Year 2001, *Gault Millau*