



DR. LOOSEN

2006 ERDENER PRÄLAT RIESLING AUSLESE

ERDENER PRÄLAT (pronounced AIR-din-er PRAY-laht) is considered by many to be the greatest vineyard in the Mosel region. Dr. Loosen owns the biggest piece of this legendary four-acre site, with just over one acre. The site has perfect southern exposure, 100-percent (45°) slope, very old vines in mineral-rich red slate soil, and lies directly adjacent to the river. All these things, combined with its position below huge, heat-retaining cliffs, explain why Dr. Loosen never harvests anything less than Auslese from this vineyard.

The 2006 vintage in the Mosel was an exceptional year for extraordinarily ripe Auslese. Still, lush as they are, these wines maintain that elegant, well-balanced Mosel style.



IN THE PRESS:

Wine Enthusiast

96 Wow. This gorgeous dessert-style auslese explodes from the glass in a cavalcade of sweet fruit and spice. Honeyed peaches and dried apricots are most prominent, but shadings of cinnamon and allspice give complexity, while crisp acids provide impeccable balance on the long finish. Delicious now, this wine should easily evolve for up to 40 years.

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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

93 Pale golden yellow. Peach preserve, quince jelly and clove plus a note of honeyed botrytis on the nose. Extremely light on its feet in spite of its sheer density, with a lush and inviting passion fruit flavor underpinned by brown spice and salty minerality. Finely spiced, subtly persistent finish.

Wine Spectator

93 A beauty. Clarity and delicacy are its hallmarks, setting up the pure peach, apple and lime flavors. There's just a touch of mineral now, which should emerge with time. Has fine length. Seamless.

Wine & Spirits

92 Creamy peach, melon and tangerine notes are full and rich, maintaining a tension and poise throughout the sleekly elongated palate. It's not as complex as the goldkapsel, but it exhibits a similar tension and finesse.

