



DR. LOOSEN

2006 ERDENER PRÄLAT RIESLING AUSLESE GOLDKAPSEL

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.

Goldkapsel Auslese is our first botrytis selection, made from partially affected clusters of very ripe Auslese grapes. The 2006 vintage in the Mosel was an exceptional year for botrytis, producing wines that are dense and concentrated, yet still vibrant and racy. That wonderful combination of power and grace is what makes Mosel Rieslings so captivating and unique.



IN THE PRESS:

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

96 Golden yellow. Rich aromas of honey-glazed pineapple, candied quince and toasted hazelnuts, with rich, spicy botrytis underpinnings adding complexity. Lusciously sweet nectarine and glazed honey flavors are energized by a tangy citrus minerality. Still quite closed, this massive and yet somehow delicate auslese is of stunning quality.

Wine & Spirits

95 This is very intense, with a complex array of flavors ranging from apple and poached pear to papaya and even raspberry. It's big and plush yet feels effortless, with a remarkable sense of clarity and laserlike tension.

Wine Spectator

91 There's fine clarity and elegance, yet this is rich and mouth-filling. Apple, peach and golden raisin notes get enough structural support to drive through the finish.

