



THE GRAACHER HIMMELREICH VINEYARD

(Graach's Kingdom of Heaven)

Graach is a small village that lies between two more-famous neighbors: Bernkastel and Wehlen. This vineyard's steep, southwest-facing slopes and deep soils produce wines that combine the elegance of Wehlen with the rustic strength of Bernkastel. Because of the forceful minerality from the abundant blue slate in the soil, wines from Graach have excellent aging potential and will improve in the bottle for many decades.

ERDENER TREPPCHEN RIESLING SPÄTLESE

The Spätlese ("late harvest") designation means the grapes get a week or two of extra hang time for higher ripeness and deeper flavors than Kabinett. This Spätlese, from a truly "grand cru" vineyard in the village of Graach is a fruit-driven Riesling that combines extraordinary concentration and length with a bracing minerality.

VINEYARD CLASSIFICATION:

Rated "First Vineyard" ("Erste Lage") in the 1868 Prussian classification of the Mosel, and rated "Great First-Class Vineyard" in the *Wine Atlas of Germany* by Hugh Johnson & Stuart Pigott (1995).

PRAISE FROM THE PRESS:

"Some carbonic gas gives this white a more severe profile. It's racy and sleek for the vintage, with lime, peach and mineral flavors. It gets richer with air, with nice texture and length. Decant it if you want to enjoy its youthful fruitiness."
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KEY POINTS:

- A limited-production, single-vineyard Riesling from Ernst Loosen, *Decanter* magazine's 2005 Man of the Year.
- Extremely pure, unoaked flavors and low alcohol make it ideal for today's fresher, more vibrant cuisine.
- Low alcohol for today's healthier lifestyle.