



#### THE ÜRZIGER WÜRZGARTEN VINEYARD

*(The Spice Garden of Ürzig)*

The weathered red volcanic and slate soil of the Ürziger Würzgarten (pronounced ERTS-iger VERTS-garten) vineyard make it unique on the Mosel. It is an insanely steep site that makes wines with an exotic, spicy aroma and a mesmerizing earthiness. There is no other vineyard in the Mosel valley that produces wines so bursting with tropical fruit flavors. The Dr. Loosen estate's oldest vines (up to 120 years old) are found here.

#### ÜRZIGER WÜRZGARTEN RIESLING AUSLESE

This vineyard shows the expressive power of old, ungrafted vines. Naturally low yields and ultra-deep roots produce rich, concentrated wines that reflect the red soil brilliantly. Made from selected bunches of very ripe, late-picked grapes, Auslese ("selected late picking") packs the maximum amount of vineyard character into the bottle. The "regular" Auslese (white capsule) is made without botrytis. The rare botrytis-selection Auslese is indicated by a gold capsule.

#### VINEYARD CLASSIFICATION:

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.

#### PRAISE FROM THE PRESS:

"Creamy and lively and racy — very zingy. Super clean. Light and racy."

17 — *Jancis Robinson*, June 2008

#### KEY POINTS:

- Very limited-production, high-end, single-vineyard Riesling Auslese from one of Germany's finest producers.
- From extremely old vines in a highly prized vineyard.
- Delicious to drink as a young wine, but has the depth and concentration to age well for decades.