



### 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 SPÄTLESE

The Spätlese ("late-picked") 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 Ürzig, has a juicy mouthful of exotic fruits and a tongue-tingling spiciness.

#### 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 (1995).

#### PRAISE FROM THE PRESS:

"OK this is not autosuggestion because of the name but it's more spicy on the nose. Then very pure citrus on the palate. A beautiful baby!"

17.5 — *Jancis Robinson*, June 2008

#### KEY POINTS:

- Limited production single-vineyard wine from a celebrated estate and one of Germany's most famous vineyards.
- A wonderful wine for richer foods, it's low alcohol make it especially good with spicy Asian/fusion cuisine.
- Clean, crisp, distinctive Riesling Spätlese from one of Germany's most celebrated winemakers, Ernst Loosen, who was named *Decanter* magazine's 2005 Man of the Year.