



DR. LOOSEN 2021 Ürziger Würzgarten Riesling Auslese

A lusciously exotic, select-harvest Riesling made with botrytis-affected grapes from the “spice garden” vineyard.

Auslese [OWS-lay-zuh] means “selected from the harvest,” and is a sweet wine made from very ripe clusters that are about 50 percent affected by botrytis (in the red bucket, above). The resulting wine is dense, intensely flavored and rich on the palate, but balanced by Riesling’s naturally brisk acidity. The red volcanic soil of the Ürziger Würzgarten vineyard produces wines with precocious tropical fruits, a rich texture and a pleasingly persistent finish.

ABOUT DR. LOOSEN

Dr. Loosen is one of the most highly acclaimed wine estates in the world. In the family for over 200 years, Ernst “Erni” Loosen assumed ownership in 1988 and quickly propelled the reputation of Dr. Loosen into the highest echelon of Germany’s finest producers. With a focus on the old, ungrafted vines the estate owns in some of the Mosel valley’s best-rated vineyards, the wines clearly express their cool-climate origins through environmentally sensitive viticulture, strict harvest selection and gentle cellar practices.

THE 2020 VINTAGE

The 2020 growing season and harvest both got off to an early start here in the Mosel, but ended up giving us picture-perfect fruit for excellent dry wines, as well as brilliant off-dry and medium-sweet wines at the lower end of the Prädikat spectrum. When describing the 2020 vintage overall, our cellar master, Bernhard Schug, summed it up best by simply calling it “a Kabinett/Spätlese year.” Erni concludes that “the 2020 vintage should be a showcase for the typical mineral structure of Mosel Riesling.”

[95] James Suckling

“The complex nose of lemon balm and chamomile leads you into this concentrated and filigree Riesling with so much white flower fragrance and a passion fruit freshness that are extremely invigorating.” – August 2022

[94-96] Wine Advocate

“Bright and delicate on the finely flinty nose. Lush and savory on the palate, this is a sensual and delicate, light but fruit intense and tender Auslese with great finesse and very fine raisin notes.” – August 2022



TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Soil Type: Red volcanic sandstone
Age of Vines: Over 100 years; on original rootstocks
Viticulture: Sustainable
Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel; fermentation stopped by chilling
Alcohol: 8.0%
Residual Sweetness: 76.7 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 9.6 grams/liter
UPC: 183103000143 (750ml);
 183103000471 (375ml)

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 115 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 11.3 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

