

# MOSELLA

## Bernkasteler Graben Auslese



**Vintage:** 2003  
**Varietals:** Riesling, 100%  
**Appellation:** Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany

The Mosel-Saar-Ruwer is the fifth largest wine growing region in Germany and second to none when it comes to Riesling. This varietal rules supreme in the Mosel Valley, which boasts a lengthy ripening period and a unique convergence of vine, microclimate and slate soil. The result: characteristic, fragrant wines that carry the slate signature as a badge of honor. The region's unique soil retains heat from the sun during the day and delivers it to the vines at night. The roots of the vines penetrate deep into the ground, reaching for water and minerals. During the ripening period (which often extends as late as November), the Riesling vines collect natural sugar, minerals and vitamins. The skilled MOSELLA winemakers maximize nature's potential and capture its essence in every bottle, upholding the region's stature as producing the best Riesling wines in the world.

**Drink:** Before 2023

**Vinification:** MOSELLA Riesling grapes are hand selected. Wine production is limited to ensure top quality at state of the art facilities in Bernkastel, Germany, the epicenter for the best Riesling wines in the world. Here the musts are fermented with select yeast in stainless steel under temperature controlled conditions. After minimal filtration and storage in stainless steel tanks, the wine is estate bottled within view of the Mosel River and steep vine covered hillsides, completing the sense of place that MOSELLA Rieslings are famous for.

**Analysis:** Alcohol 8.0% ■ Residual sugar 75 g/l, 7.5% ■ Acidity 6.5 g/l  
**Production:** 120 cases  
**Awards:** German Silver Medal Winner, Landwirtschaftskammer Preis.

**Tasting Notes:** Nectarine and honeysuckle highlight the first sips of this wine, which melts into a slight mineral essence, infused with raisins and dates. The low acidity allows for a spritely finish. Ever so slight diesel nose.

**Food Pairings:** The sweetness of this wine helps offset the spiciest of ethnic cuisine. It can balance 4 alarm Mexican salsa and other chili enhanced dishes. To experience the full range of this wine's texture and elegance, try it as an aperitif and let it warm up to room temperature.

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