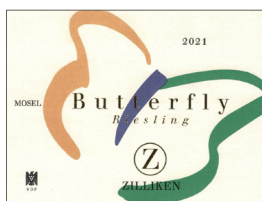




## Highlights from the Press – Zilliken 2021

### *Mosel Fine Wines*

“2021 is a great vintage at Geltz-Zilliken. It yielded plenty of delightfully light-footed yet intense wines with great zest and focus which just scream at Saar. We were particularly impressed with fruity-styled and sweet wines but also the dry wines prove remarkably bright and focused. While there is plenty of Saar acidity, this is beautifully balanced by dry extracts and, where appropriate, a playful sweetness on the palate. Saar is an art and Zilliken excels at it!” *June 2022. Issue No. 62*



### Zilliken “Butterfly Riesling” 2021

#### [90] *James Suckling*

This has all the cool freshness of 2021 combined with a stack of white fruits, the touch of green apple and fresh dill adding to the charm of this playful wine. Then the mineral freshness comes through, driving the long crisp finish that has some sophistication. *August 2022*

#### [89] *View from the Cellar*

It offers a pretty nose of apple, white cherry, spring flowers, a lovely foundation of slate and a wisp of smokiness. On the palate the wine is bright, medium-full, and juicy, with a good core, fine soil signature, bouncy acids, and a long, vibrant, and tasty finish. *September-October 2022*

#### [89] *Owen Bargreen*

Shows juicy nectarine and Pink Lady apple flavors alongside a light veil of tension. *June 2023*

#### [88] *Wine Spectator*

A delicate, straightforward white, with subtle floral and white peach notes, plus a hint of guava. Reveals celery seed, thyme and wet stone accents, which add savory detail to the fleshy palate. *June 2023*

#### [87] *Mosel Fine Wines*

An off-dry wine (with 18 g/l of residual sugar) made from fruit picked in the Ayler Kupp, Saarburger Rausch, and Niedermenniger Herrenberg. It offers a beautiful nose of pear, herbs, apricot blossom, and fine spices. The wine is nicely engaging on the palate and offers a juicy and nicely but not overly zesty feel right into the finish. The wine offers much pleasure. Now-2027. *June 2022*



### Zilliken Saarburg Riesling Trocken Alte Reben 2021

#### [93] *James Suckling*

Orange zest, apricot and mint aromas are wrapped around the mineral core of this sleek, yet very well structured dry Saar Riesling. Only just beginning to open up and currently the finish is the best part of this very elegant, dry white. *August 2022*

#### [91] *View from the Cellar*

The wine delivers lovely aromatic complexity in its mix of green apple, pink grapefruit, salty slate minerality, wild yeasts, a hint of cress, lime peel and gentle smokiness in the upper register. On the palate the wine is bright, fullish, and complex, with a lovely core, superb mineral drive and focus, bright acids and a long, complex and nicely balanced finish. *September-October 2022*

#### [90] *Wine Enthusiast*

This, although dry, shows a touch of sweetness to the ripe orchard and stone fruit. It has great acidity to balance it all out and lend this a focused, mouthwatering finish. *February 2023*

#### [90] *Wine Spectator*

Round and open-knit, with candied lychee, pureed apple and lilac highlighted by spices and vanilla. Shows a juicy and supple palate, with lemon-edged acidity providing balance. *June 2023*

#### [90] *Mosel Fine Wines*

This wine comes exclusively from 70-75-year-old vines in the Rausch. It offers a beautiful nose made of citrusy fruits, pear, white pepper, white flowers, starfruit, and a hint of apricot blossom. The wine is nicely playful and full of subtly creamy flavors wrapped into firm acidity on the palate and leaves a great focused and firmly zesty but mouthwatering feel in the long finish. This wine screams of dry Saar. 2023-2032. *June 2022*

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[★★★★★] *Restaurant Wine*

Remarkable: very finely flavored (peach, honey, pineapple, lime), round and crisp on the palate, with good balance and a very long finish. 2023, *Issues* #204 – #209



**Zilliken Saarburg Riesling Kabinett 2021**

[93] *James Suckling*

Wonderful nose of fresh orange zest, red apple, fresh mint and basil. As delicate as it is refreshing, this manages to be dangerously refreshing and very delicate. Barely off-dry at the long, extremely clean and animating finish. *August 2022*

[92] *Owen Bargreen*

This beautiful Kabinett is loaded with rich white peach and green apple flavors on the palate, with a soft mouthfeel and brilliant sense of tension. With stony and light petrol undertones, this is best enjoyed now and over the next seven plus years. *June 2023*

[91+] *View from the Cellar*

This is a lovely wine, offering up the cooler aromatics of the vintage in its mix of pear, gooseberry, cress, salty slate minerality, wild yeasts and a topnote of lilacs. On the palate the wine is bright, medium-full, and filigreed, with good intensity of flavor, bouncy acids, fine focus and cut and a long, complex, and very well-balanced finish. *Sept.-Oct. 2022*

[91] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A fruity-styled wine made exclusively from the Rausch. It offers an attractive and backward nose made of cassis, pear sorbet, peppery, herbs, tea, mint, and smoky elements. The wine is beautifully zesty and light-footed on the palate, where subtly ripe flavors are pepped up by zingy acidity. The finish feels almost off-dry and hugely focused. 2029-2041. *June 2022*

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

A prominent saffron note leads the way in this drier Kabinett, with piercing acidity. Apricot and quince add interest, while mint note adds charm. Tactile finish. *February 2023*

[88] *Wine Spectator*

A floral, juicy white, with elderflower blossoms and apple supported by pink grapefruit-laced acidity. *June 2023*

[★★★★+] *Restaurant Wine*

Fragrant, finely flavored Riesling (honey, peach, pineapple, honeysuckle) that is round, mildly sweet, and very long and persistent on the finish. Great value. 2023, *Issues* #204 – #209



**Zilliken Ockefener Bockstein Riesling Kabinett 2021**

[94] *James Suckling*

Very cool nose with delicate notes of chamomile and dried flowers, plus just a touch of mirabelle. As it flows over the palate the sleek beauty gently expands, the aromas becoming ever riper, the finish succulent, but still very straight. *August 2022*

[92] *Wine Enthusiast*

There is a long inviting note of jasmine to this off-dry Riesling. The acidity is electric and powers up the flavors of roasted pineapple and persimmon. The finish leaves a crunchy feel and invites you for another sip. *February 2023*

[92] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A fruity-styled wine with a finely chiseled nose made of yellow orchard fruits (in a whiff of pineapple and coconut), mint, bergamot, and smoke. The wine proves light-footed and playful on the palate and leaves a gorgeous feel of fresh fruits, chalky minerals, and fine herbal elements in the long and almost off-dry tasting finish. 2031-2041. *June 2022*

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### Zilliken Rausch Riesling GG 2021

#### [94] *James Suckling*

Very precisely delineated Riesling GG that has been uncompromisingly produced with character in mind rather than weight of volume. Only just beginning to reveal its aromatic treasures (for example, licorice and lemon balm), but on the palate the intense wet stone minerality already drives the wine over the palate with considerable power. Very long, graceful finish. *August 2022*

#### [94] *View from the Cellar*

The bouquet is complex and utterly refined, jumping from the glass in a mix of fresh lime, grapefruit, plenty of smokiness, wild yeasts, a beautifully complex base of slate, elder flowers, and a touch of lavender in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, fullish with a lovely core of fruit, seamless balance, excellent focus, fine mineral undertow, bright acids, and a long, extremely promising finish. *Sept.-Oct. 2022*

#### [93] *Wine Enthusiast*

A white that offers engaging floral and herbal aromas of jasmine, hops and sage, with razor-sharp acidity that balances lemon curd, quince, and lime notes. The powerful structure is supported by this acidity. Hints of spice prime the finish. *February 2023*

#### [92+] *Mosel Fine Wines*

Stunning and hugely fragrant nose of white flowers, elderflower, white peach, a hint of lemon sorbet, and subtle scents of whipped cream. Proves beautifully light-footed but packed with flavors on the lemony and herbal palate. A beautiful kick of acidity adds freshness to the experience without taking over the flavor profile. The finish is playful, focused, and finely chiseled. This is a truly remarkable expression of dry Saar Rieslings that plays on lightness and elegance. What a great success! We would not be surprised if it eventually warrants an even higher rating, especially as the wine expands and develops presence. *August 2022*

#### [91] *Wine Spectator*

A formidable white, with nectarine, pink grapefruit and jasmine layered with spiced apple and warm cider undertones. Showing impressive concentration anchored by bitter, chalky minerality, this is pulsing with savory energy. *June 2023*



### Zilliken Rausch Riesling Kabinett 2021

#### [95] *James Suckling* – Top 100 Wines of Germany 2022 (#55) –

A very concentrated and complex wine for this light wine category. Serious structure and subtlety with chamomile, mint, Amalfi lemon, lime and wet stone character rippling over the palate. Intensely mineral, very long and pure finish. *August 2022*

#### [93] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A fruity-styled wine with a beautiful nose made of cassis, vineyard peach, mint, dill, elderflower, whipped cream, smoke, chalky elements, and fine peppery notes. The wine proves stunningly playful and elegant on the palate, where a touch of almost Spätlese creaminess is beautifully lifted up by some zesty acidity. The wine proves playful and subtle right into the long and refined finish. The aftertaste combines riper elements of pear and apricot blossom with fresher notes of mint, zesty acidity, and white peach. 2031-2051. *June 2022*

#### [93] *View from the Cellar*

The wine delivers a nicely cool fruit aromatic constellation of gooseberry, pear, slate minerality, wild yeasts, Rausch smokiness, currant leaf, elder flowers, and a touch of lime zest in the upper register. On the palate the wine is bright, medium-full, and complex, with a lovely core, fine filigree and mineral undertow, zesty acids and a long, well-balanced and still quite youthful finish. *September-October 2022*

#### [92] *Wine Enthusiast*

A style of Kabinett that is a bit more meditative, with acidity that is not easy to like, but once you get to know it, it is your best friend. Lovely notes of dried mango and melon are inviting and persistent. *February 2023*

#### [90] *Wine Spectator*

A richly styled, noticeably sweet wine, with nice range to the unctuous papaya, dried mango, pear puree and pineapple flavors, with cinnamon and cardamom highlights. Ripe, round and exuberant, this has nice vibrancy, thanks to wet slate accents and zippy acidity. *June 2023*

#### [★★★★★] *Restaurant Wine*

Exceptional: a delicious Riesling with excellent depth, balance, and flavor (honey, honeysuckle, peach, papaya, litchi nut), and a very long, crisp finish. 2023, *Issues* #204 – #209

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### Zilliken Rausch Riesling Spätlese 2021

#### [95] *James Suckling*

Complex nose of dried peach and very ripe melon with notes of mint and basil. Sleek, but seriously structured, leaping and bounding over the palate thanks to the tremendous vibrancy. Very straight and pristine finish in spite of the generous unfermented grape sweetness. *August 2022*

#### [94] *View from the Cellar*

It shares the cool vintage fruit tones found in the Kabinetten, offering up scents of pear, white cherry, cress, wild yeasts, gentle smokiness, bee pollen, elder flowers, lime peel and a lovely base of slate minerality. On the palate the wine is bright, fullish, complex, and impeccably balanced, with a lovely girdle of acidity, a fine core, excellent mineral drive and cut and a long, vibrant and classy finish. *September-October 2022*

#### [93+] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A fruity-styled wine with a beautiful nose made of apple, pear, citrusy fruits, pineapple, saffron, white pepper, herbs, dill, and smoke. The wine develops a telltale balance of Spätlese with creaminess, fruitiness, and herbal elements on the wonderfully light-footed palate. The finish is beautifully airy and yet remarkably finely chiseled and bright. This beautiful Spätlese has even some upside as it develops its definition with age! 2029-2041. *June 2022*

#### [93] *Wine Enthusiast*

The silky texture of this semisweet white adds to the overall experience, but orange blossom aroma and flavors of persimmon, clementine and sage are the main act. It is mouth-watering and long, with terrific balance between fruit and acidity. *February 2023*



### Zilliken Rausch Riesling Auslese 2021

#### [96] *Wine Enthusiast* — Editors' Choice—

So expressive and luscious, yet so graceful and airy, with a laser beam of fruit and mineral. The core shows vivid aromas and flavors of peach, mandarin orange, cardamom and elderflowers that are sculpted into an incisive structure. High-toned, this wine has a suave texture, a nervy backbone and a fine, tangy finish that leaves a mouthwatering impression. This will become even better with time, but it is already pretty impressive. *August/September 2023*

#### [96] *James Suckling*

Welcome to the tropics! So much exotic fruit and so many exotic flowers. A concentrated and very elegant Auslese that glides gracefully over the palate. Very long, focused finish and the luscious sweetness is already beautifully integrated. *August 2022*

#### [95] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A sweet wine with a superb nose of pear sorbet, raisin, dill, almond cream, and fine herbs. The wine is beautifully intense and creamy yet also incredibly focused and finely chiseled on the palate and leaves a gorgeous and hugely focused feel in the finish. This is a gloriously playful and fresh Auslese. 2031-2051. *June 2022*

#### [93] *View from the Cellar*

The bouquet is deep and complex, jumping from the glass in a mix of fresh lime, pineapple, slate, a gentle touch of Rausch botanicals, honeycomb and a topnote of citrus blossoms. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused, and complex, with a lovely touch of creaminess on the attack, a fine mineral undertow, zesty acids and a long, complex and very elegant finish. *September-October 2022*