



ZILLIKEN 2021 Bockstein Riesling Kabinett

A juicy and delicate Riesling that captures the exotic fruit character of the justly famous Ockfener Bockstein vineyard.

This sleek Riesling Kabinett embodies the Bockstein site perfectly. The scent of red currant, with delicate herbal aromas of mint and lemon balm, seduces the nose. The wine glazes the palate with the coolness of elegant spice and smoky notes, weaved together with cassis and ripe star fruit. In the finish, the wine remains delicately saline on the tongue. A vibrating acidity binds the individual pieces together into a beautiful lycohesive whole, lingering into a long, ethereal finish.

THE ZILLIKEN ESTATE

Weingut Zilliken is one of the leading wine estates of the Saar region in Germany. Renowned for the steely precision of their Rieslings grown in the very cool climate and slate soils of the area, the Zilliken estate built its reputation with intense, yet delicate and nearly weightless Rieslings that “float like a butterfly.” The Zilliken family traces its wine-growing tradition back to 1742. Since then, their winemaking philosophy has always been to carefully preserve the potential that the wine carries within itself. Their greatest effort is in the vineyards, and their approach in the cellar is traditional and simple, with fermentation, clarification and maturation all happening naturally in old Fuder casks.

THE 2021 VINTAGE

We look back fondly on the freezing winter in January and February of 2021. I’m always happy when nature finally has the chance to come to rest. We had frost at the beginning of April, but fortunately it didn’t damage the vines because budding had not yet taken place. The summer was cool and wet, so we invested a lot of manual work to create an open, airy wall of foliage. After a wonderful Indian summer, we started harvesting on October 11. We are particularly happy about the good weather during the harvest, which allowed some excellent selections for the GG dry wines, and also for some noble sweet Grosse Lage wines.

[94] James Suckling

“Very cool nose with delicate notes of chamomile and dried flowers. 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

“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

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 8.0%
Residual Sweetness: 58.3 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 8.8 grams/liter
Total Production: 120 cases
UPC: 810404021279

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 104 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 8.6 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

