



## ZILLIKEN 2021 “Butterfly” Riesling

**A brisk and refreshing off-dry Riesling that is a delicious introduction to this exceptional Saar valley estate.**

This medium-dry wine captures the ethereal “floats like a butterfly” character of Zilliken Rieslings at a very attractive price. Bright and juicy, with moderate alcohol, this butterfly soars high on citrus and floral wings. Playful, tangy flavors of lime and granny smith apple are heightened with refreshing accents of lemon balm, with a zesty, zippy 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.

### [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. The mineral freshness comes through, driving the long crisp finish that has some sophistication.” – August 2022*



### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Alcohol:** 11.5%

**Residual Sweetness:** 18.4 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 8.4 grams/liter

**Total Production:** 2,000 cases

**UPC:** 810404021163

### NUTRITION INFO

**Calories:** 109 per serving (5 oz.)

**Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 2.7 grams per serving

**Fat & Cholesterol:** None

**Sustainably Grown**

**Pesticide & Herbicide Free**

**GMO Free**

**Gluten Free**

**Vegan**

