



ZILLIKEN 2021 Rausch Riesling Auslese

A luscious, late-harvest Riesling from one of the greatest vineyard sites of Germany's Saar valley.

The stunning, unmistakable complexity of exotic fruit aromas and smoky minerality enhanced with fragrant lily and rose accents could only ever be from the steep slate slopes of the Rausch. Clarion flavors so exceptionally pure that each one seems to fall from the wine like a ripe piece of fruit into a waiting hand. A focused acidity cuts through the richness like a fog light on a stormy Atlantic night. It will reward a considerable cellaring.

THE ZILLIKEN WINERY

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.

[96] Wine Enthusiast – Editors' Choice

“So expressive and luscious, yet so graceful and airy, with a laser beam of fruit and mineral. Has a suave texture, a nervy backbone and a fine, tangy finish that leaves a mouthwatering impression.” – August/September 2023

[96] James Suckling

“Welcome to the tropics! So much exotic fruit and so many exotic flowers. Concentrated and very elegant. Very long, focused finish and the luscious sweetness is beautifully integrated.” – August 2022

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 7.5%
Residual Sweetness: 98.8 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 8.1 grams/liter
Total Production: 75 casesr
UPC: 810404021248

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 124 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 14.6 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

