



# ZILLIKEN 2021 Rausch Riesling Kabinett

**The epitome of the intensely aromatic but charmingly delicate style of German Riesling known as Kabinett.**

A truly exhilarating Kabinett. Exotic and local fruit aromas – apple, pear, and passion fruit – delight the senses. Juicy, ripe pineapple, supported by the fine acidity of orange and the ethereal nuances of mint and lemon thyme, reveal themselves on the palate. A long, delicate finish rounds off the brilliant drinking pleasure and simultaneously encourages the next sip. Grown in the steep, slate slopes of the historic Rausch vineyard, this is classic Saar Valley Kabinett.

### 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.

### [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. Intensely mineral, very long and pure finish.” — August 2022

### [93] Mosel Fine Wines

“Proves stunningly playful and elegant on the palate. The aftertaste combines riper elements of pear and apricot blossom with fresher notes of mint, zesty acidity, and white peach.” — June 2022

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling  
**Alcohol:** 8.0%  
**Residual Sweetness:** 59 grams/liter  
**Total Acidity:** 9.0 grams/liter  
**Total Production:** 1,672 casesr  
**UPC:** 810404021200

### NUTRITION INFO

**Calories:** 104 per serving (5 oz.)  
**Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 8.7 grams per serving  
**Fat & Cholesterol:** None  
**Sustainably Grown**  
**Pesticide & Herbicide Free**  
**GMO Free**  
**Gluten Free**  
**Vegan**

