



ZILLIKEN 2021 Rausch Riesling Spätlese

A stunning late-picked Riesling that combines ripe, concentrated fruit with an electrifying, slate-driven mineral structure.

On the nose, this Spätlese enchants with its stony and smoky notes, encircled by vineyard peach and juicy, dried apricot, as well as delicate floral nuances of white lilac. It is incredibly dense on the palate, with the stimulating taste of white peach. The play of aromas of raspberry leaves and spearmint is particularly exciting. We attest great aging potential and look forward to a long journey with this extraordinary Spätlese.

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

“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.” – August 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. Mouth-watering and long, with terrific balance between fruit and acidity.” – February 2023

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 7.5%

Residual Sweetness: 76.2 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 9.5 grams/liter

Total Production: 100 cases

UPC: 810404021217

THIS RIESLING IS:



NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 111 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 11.3 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None

Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free

Gluten Free

Vegan