



ZILLIKEN

2021 Saarburg Riesling Trocken Alte Reben

A fine and sophisticated dry Riesling selected from very old vines in the Saar valley town of Saarburg.

Very old Riesling vines (“Alte Reben”), ranging from 60 to 130 years, deliver a salty sea breeze, with nuances of white lilac and white tea. The taste is herbaceous, profound and precise, with the mouth-filling aromas of lime and white pepper that end in a mineral, almost stony finish. This linear beauty walks a taut line of citrus and herbal spice with razor sharp acidity.

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.

[93] James Suckling

“Orange zest, apricot and mint aromas are wrapped around the mineral core of this sleek, yet very well structured dry Saar Riesling. Just beginning to open up and currently the finish is the best part of this very elegant, dry white.”
– August 2022

[90] Wine Enthusiast

“This, although dry, shows a touch of sweetness to the ripe orchard and stone fruit. It has great acidity to balance it all out and lend this a focused, mouthwatering finish.” – February 2023

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 12.0%
Residual Sweetness: 8.3 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 8.9 grams/liter
Total Production: 327 cases
UPC: 810404021262

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 107 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 1.2 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

