



ZILLIKEN 2021 Saarburg Riesling Kabinett

A brilliantly juicy and vibrant Riesling in the delicate and low-alcohol Kabinett style that can only happen in cool climates.

Produced with early harvested fruit from estate vines in the town of Saarburg, this village-level Riesling Kabinett evokes the feeling of wide open windows, through which the fresh spring air is dancing in. The textbook definition of a classic, nimble Saar Kabinett. Juicy, grape-like nose with a creaminess comparable to a white risotto. In the mouth, an explosive, cool and animating flavors of ripe gooseberries and honeydew melon, framed by the intensely integrated 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 winemaking 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

“Wonderful nose of fresh orange zest, red apple, fresh mint and basil. As delicate as it is refreshing. Barely off-dry at the long, extremely clean and animating finish.”
– August 2022

[91] Mosel Fine Wines

“Beautifully zesty and light-footed on the palate, where subtly ripe flavors are pepped up by zingy acidity. The finish feels almost off-dry and hugely focused.”
– June 2022

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 8.0%
Residual Sweetness: 47.8 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 9.5 grams/liter
Total Production: 1,775 casesr
UPC: 810404021194

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 98 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 7.0 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

