



ZILLIKEN 2020 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 2020 VINTAGE

We had many reasons to be thankful in 2020: In the winter, our groundwater reserves were replenished through sufficient rainfall. In the spring, the vineyards were spared late frosts and hailstorms. In the hot summer, our topsoil and cover crops once again proved their worth, ensuring that the vines had access to moisture and nutrients. On September 21, earlier than ever before, we started our harvest. Thanks to healthy grapes and gentle processing, the 2020 vintage offers accessible and animating estate wines, as well as precise, elegant, and profound Grosse Lage wines with excellent aging potential. The typical lightness of the Saar!

[94] James Suckling

“Very serious wine with considerable depth and many subtle nuances. An amazing range of aromas, from lilac to passion fruit. Near-perfect balance of racy acidity and delicate grape sweetness. Pristine finish.” – June 2021

[91] Mosel Fine Wines

“The wine proves rather smooth and rich. It leaves a rather elegant, smooth, light, and almost ease in the juicy and velvety finish. A kick of spicy and zesty acidity lifts up the flavors in the finish.” – July 2021

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 8.0%
Residual Sweetness: 60.6 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 7.7 grams/liter
Total Production: 1,667 cases
UPC: 810404021200

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 105 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 9.0 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

