



# ZILLIKEN

## 2020 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 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!

### [95] James Suckling

— **Top 100 Wines of Germany 2021**

*“The whole spectrum of tropical and citrus aromas with hints of jasmine and orchid. Excellent concentration. Very long and pure finish.”* — June 2021

### [92+] Mosel Fine Wines

*“Nicely juicy and aromatic on the sweet palate packed with exotic fruits and leaves a nicely light feel in the juicy and comparatively fresh finish.”* — July 2021

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling  
**Alcohol:** 7.5%  
**Residual Sweetness:** 77.4 grams/liter  
**Total Acidity:** 7.6 grams/liter  
**Total Production:** 1,667 casesr  
**UPC:** 810404021217

### NUTRITION INFO

**Calories:** 110 per serving (5 oz.)  
**Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 11.5 grams per serving  
**Fat & Cholesterol:** None  
**Sustainably Grown**  
**Pesticide & Herbicide Free**  
**GMO Free**  
**Gluten Free**  
**Vegan**

