



ZILLIKEN

2020 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 winегrowing 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!

[92] James Suckling

“This takes off vertically from the launch pad and heads straight for outer space! So much mint and melon freshness, then comes a touch of bitter orange at the long, mouthwatering finish. Drink or hold.” – June 2021

[89] Mosel Fine Wines

“Delicately smooth and velvety on the light-weighted and smooth palate and leaves a nice sense of freshness underpinned by candied grapefruit and green apple in the long finish.” – July 2021

TECHNICAL INFO

- Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling
- Alcohol:** 7.5%
- Residual Sweetness:** 50.5 grams/liter
- Total Acidity:** 7.9 grams/liter
- Total Production:** 1,667 cases
- UPC:** 810404021194

NUTRITION INFO

- Calories:** 95 per serving (5 oz.)
- Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 7.5 grams per serving
- Fat & Cholesterol:** None
- Sustainably Grown**
- Pesticide & Herbicide Free**
- GMO Free**
- Gluten Free**
- Vegan**

