



ZILLIKEN 2022 “Butterfly” Riesling

A brisk and refreshing off-dry Riesling that is a delicious introduction to this exceptional Saar valley estate.

This medium-dry wine captures the ethereal “floats like a butterfly” character of Zilliken Rieslings at a very attractive price. Bright and juicy, with moderate alcohol, this butterfly soars high on citrus and floral wings. Playful, tangy flavors of lime and granny smith apple are heightened with refreshing accents of lemon balm, with a zesty, zippy finish.

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 2022 VINTAGE

A warm summer tested the resilience of old vines in the Saar Valley as their roots had to reach profound depths to find water. Rain showers in September were a welcome reprieve from the extreme heat and drought-like conditions experienced throughout the growing season. Cool nights during harvest allowed the grapes to retain excellent freshness yielding particularly accessible, luscious, and refined Kabinetts. The wines of 2022 are fully expressive and elegant, yet weightless, as is customary for Zilliken Rieslings.

[90] James Suckling

“Attractive nose of yellow apple and ripe citrus with some herbal nuances. Juicy and animating on the medium-bodied palate with a bright acidity and good herbal freshness at the crisp finish.” — October 2023

[89] Decanter

“A tingy, acid-driven palate navigates across candied citrus, bright grapefruit pith, spicy white pepper, and a petrichor minerality that brightens the finish.” — April 2024

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 11.5%
Residual Sweetness: 17.2 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 7.0 grams/liter
Total Production: 2,000 cases
UPC: 810404021163

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 107 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 2.5 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

THIS RIESLING IS:

