



## ZILLIKEN 2022 Rausch Riesling Grosses Gewächs (GG)

**A super-refined dry Riesling from a top-rated vineyard and a historical family winery in Germany's Saar valley.**

This is the Zilliken estate's top dry wine, from the best parcel of the Rausch vineyard in the village of Saarburg. Delicate aromas of ripe melon, lemon curd and meadow flowers and a cool herbal austerity open a nose of breathtaking beauty and elegance. Deep, refined orange, passion fruit and candied lemon dance across the nearly vertical palate, while the grippy texture is redeemed by a pliable, persistent acidity.

### THE ZILLIKEN WINERY

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.

### [95] James Suckling

*"A masterpiece of filigree! Very delicate and subtle. Wonderfully elegant this sleek beauty dances its way over your palate. Very racy, wet stone finish."*  
— September 2023

### [93] Mosel Fine Wines

*"Superbly juicy and delicate on the airy and light-weighted palate. The finish has great tension as zesty and cooler elements join the party. A superb dry Riesling in the making."* — September 2023

### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling  
**Alcohol:** 12.0%  
**Residual Sweetness:** 8.7 grams/liter  
**Total Acidity:** 7.3 grams/liter  
**Total Production:** 800 casesr  
**UPC:** 810404021187

### NUTRITION INFO

**Calories:** 107 per serving (5 oz.)  
**Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 1.3 grams per serving  
**Fat & Cholesterol:** None  
**Sustainably Grown**  
**Pesticide & Herbicide Free**  
**GMO Free**  
**Gluten Free**  
**Vegan**

