



ZILLIKEN 2022 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 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] Decanter

“A brilliantly balanced palate of juicy candied lemons, linear minerality and soaring acids. A gorgeous weight carries the intensity of ripe sugars, sweet notes of elderflower and perfectly complementary acidity sings beautifully in this wine.” — April 2024

[95] James Suckling

“A wonderfully tropical palate in spite of the light body, which is really remarkable. Long, very complex finish in which the smoke, floral and licorice character is tightly interwoven.” — October 2023

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 8.5%
Residual Sweetness: 58.0 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 6.6 grams/liter
Total Production: 1,500 casesr
UPC: 810404021200

THIS RIESLING IS:



NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 107 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 8.6 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan