



ZILLIKEN

2022 Saarburg Riesling Trocken Alte Reben

A fine and sophisticated dry Riesling selected from very old vines in the Saar valley town of Saarburg.

Very old Riesling vines (“Alte Reben”), ranging from 60 to 130 years, deliver a salty sea breeze, with nuances of white lilac and white tea. The taste is herbaceous, profound and precise, with the mouth-filling aromas of lime and white pepper that end in a mineral, almost stony finish. This linear beauty walks a taut line of citrus and herbal spice with razor sharp 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 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.

[94] James Suckling

“Very cool and youthful nose of a garden dripping after a summer rainstorm, then, with some aeration, complex spicy notes develop. Intensely mineral on the sleek and compact palate that’s barely medium-bodied. Stunning length at the very precise wet stone finish.”

— October 2023

[92] Wine Enthusiast

“An elegant, floral, dry white showing jasmine and apricot flavors, with a silky texture and an intense mineral core. The long finish features smoky notes with hints of tropical fruits. Juicy yet refined.”

— May 2024

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 12.0%

Residual Sweetness: 7.0 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 7.4 grams/liter

Total Production: 300 cases

UPC: 810404021262



NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 106 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 1.0 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None

Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free

Gluten Free

Vegan