



ZILLIKEN 2023 “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 2023 VINTAGE

The vines emerged from their winter dormancy with the onset of the warm spring and the flowering season progressed splendidly with the dry weather. July and August brought much-needed rains, ensuring the vines received ample nourishment. Nature was kind during harvest, providing cool days and even cooler nights that preserved the grapes’ welcome acidity. The growing conditions have allowed us to create a rich Spätlese, a style we have missed in recent vintages. The wines of 2023 are invigorating and have impressive aromatics all while maintaining finesse and precision.

[92] James Suckling

“What an excellent introduction to the delicate yet well-structured wines of the Saar. This is barely off-dry, with a beautiful balance. I love the vanilla bean and garden herb aromas on the mid-palate, then the touch of fennel seeds at the very fresh, citrusy finish.”

— Stuart Pigott, October 2024

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 11.0%

Residual Sweetness: 15.4 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 7.6 grams/liter

Total Production: 830 cases

UPC: 810404021163

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 103 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 2.3 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None

Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free

Gluten Free

Vegan

