



ZILLIKEN 2023 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 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.

[96] James Suckling

"Stunning concentration on the barely medium-bodied palate. The most delicate apricot aroma, too. Extremely long and focused wet-stone finish."

— Stuart Pigott, August 2024

[92] Mosel Fine Wines

"Subtle and delicately juicy on the refined and well-structured palate. The finish has energy and is beautifully straight and pure, with smoke and spices. The length is impressive."

— September 2024

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 12.0%

Residual Sweetness: 5.8 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 7.2 grams/liter

Total Production: 300 cases

UPC: 810404021187

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 105 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 0.7 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None

Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free

Gluten Free

Vegan

