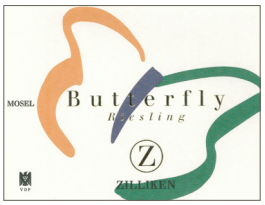
Highlights from the Press – Zilliken 2024

Mosel Fine Wines

"The collection is certainly very limited, but the quality of the wines is truly remarkable. In fact, the low yields and ripe acidity have resulted in wines with a slightly different style than usual, while still having the classic aromatics: they are intense, dense, concentrated, but also punchy thanks to their freshness. In a way, they are more serious than usual, and this is especially noticeable in the 'simple' Butterfly, which is a great success. Forgetting the low yields, there is much to look forward to at Zilliken in 2024, for those who will have access to the few rare bottles." *July 2025, Issue No. 76*



Zilliken "Butterfly Riesling" 2024

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

Melon and pear shape the core, with a bright line of lime running underneath, adding lift and precision. The palate is balanced and gently off dry, with fresh acidity keeping the fruit in check. Clean and approachable, finishing with a lively, refreshing edge. *October 2026*

[90] *Mosel Fine Wines*

Offers an attractive fresh and herbal nose of greengage, pear, cinnamon, yellow peach, spicy, white pepper, and smoke. The wine nicely juicy and creamy on the palate, with good grip and intensity. The finish is fresh, as zesty elements come through, and leaves and almost dryish feel. This more serious version of Butterfly superbly combines intensity and lightness and is a real pleasure to drink. *July 2025*

Zilliken Saarburg Riesling Trocken Alte Reben 2024

[94] *Vinous*

Glorious peach comes with dried lemon lift. This was made from golden grapes. The palate is super slender and taut, without a touch of fat, but so much stone, extract and drive. It is absolutely enticing and delicious. The 2024 is the driest wine the domaine has ever made. It has glorious balance. *Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW – October 16, 2025*

[92] *Mosel Fine Wines*

It offers a beautifully fresh and floral nose of almond cream, orange zest, jasmine, vineyard peach, rose, lavender, and plum. The wine proves superbly zesty and linear on the palate, with plenty of spices and lime-driven herbs. There is good density and quite dry extract. The finish is pure, long, and racy, and delivers spicy and salty elements. The aftertaste is fully bone-dry. This crystal clear, pure racy dry Riesling is superb. *July 2025*

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

A light saffron note opens, adding an aromatic twist before apricot and green plum take over. The palate has a touch of midpalate weight, giving it more presence than expected. Balanced and composed, it finishes with good clarity and a gently spiced, fruit-driven persistence. *October 2026*

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Zilliken Saarburg Riesling Kabinett 2024

[94] *Vinous*

Tender and totally aromatic apple and apricot notions are framed with hints of bergamot. A stony sweetness on the palate ripples like water across pebbles, emanating a citrusy scent. It is simply lovely, vivacious, energetic and so fine. The 2024 is a superbly graceful Kabinett, full of stone and citrus on the long finish.
Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW – October 16, 2025

Zilliken Rausch Riesling Kabinett 2024

[93] *Mosel Fine Wines*

A fruity-styled wine with a beautifully refined and attractive nose of vineyard peach, yellow plum, strawberry, ripe gooseberry, freshly cut herbs, infused lime, spearmint, and smoke. The wine proves superbly rich and finely ripe on the palate, but the presence of zesty acidity lifts up all the flavors, and this combination proves really superb. The finish is nicely intense and more mouth-watering. *July 2025*

[90] *Wine Enthusiast*

A touch of lanolin adds texture and nuance, framing a core of juicy orchard and stone fruit. The acidity is prominent and drives the wine with energy and precision. Balanced and lively, it finishes clean with a fresh, mouthwatering lift. *October 2026*

Zilliken Rausch Riesling GG 2024

[96] *Vinous*

Its exquisite nose presents tangerine peel mixed with Cox Orange Pippin apples. The palate has a glorious tartness, stoniness, salty slate, dense and lip-smacking substance, but no fat at all. What a wonderful GG, laser-sharp, without a single frill and so pure. Simply lovely and bone-dry with perfectly buffered acidity.
Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW – October 16, 2025

[94] *James Suckling*

With very expressive fresh garden herb flavors, this light-bodied dry Riesling is very crystalline and precise. The beautifully balanced, racy acidity really lights this up. Excellent Amalfi lemon intensity in the long, super-fresh finish. *September 2025 – Reviewed by Stuart Pigott*

Zilliken Rausch Riesling Sekt Brut Nature 2018

[91] *Wine Enthusiast*

Pear and brioche intertwine, giving both freshness and a touch of autolytic depth. The mousse is gentle and refined, supporting a lively, well-balanced palate. Ripe yet precise, it finishes clean with good length and a subtle, creamy persistence. *October 2026*

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Zilliken Rausch Riesling Auslese 2011

[96] *Vinous*

Superb lemon lift immediately reaches the sinuses with ethereal drive. This has vivid, dried citrus and yarrow lifting everything on the nose. The palate is the purest balm. It is absolutely poised, slender, yet so superbly smooth, cooling almost, with exquisite flavors of fresh and candied orange peel. This will cruise and cruise with wonderful vivaciousness. Wow. *Reviewed by Anne Krebiehl MW — October 16, 2025*