



ZILLIKEN 2019 Saarburg Riesling Kabinett

A brilliantly juicy and vibrant Riesling in the delicate and low-alcohol Kabinett style that can only happen in cool climates.

Produced with early harvested fruit from estate vines in the town of Saarburg, this village-level Riesling Kabinett exhibits the ethereal delicacy that is a hallmark of the Zilliken estate. This uniquely German “Prädikat” style combines a light, supple texture with aromatic intensity and a scintillating mineral tension.

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 2019 VINTAGE

The chilly Saar valley had a run-in with spring frost in 2019. In summer, the vines had to endure several weeks of no rain, and two extremely hot days caused a bit of sunburn on the grapes. But strict selective arvesting eliminated any damaged fruit from the fermenters. The finished wines have a very fine fruitiness, with lively, ripe acidity and that classic Saar minerality. They are already quite a pleasure to drink.

[93] James Suckling

“A wonderful Kabinett for this very moment! Floral and ripe-pear nose, then a juicy yet very clean palate with spot-on balance at the long, citrusy finish that feels feather-light.”

– Stuart Pigott, Sept, 2020

[92+] Mosel Fine Wines

[92] Wine Advocate

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 8.5%

Residual Sweetness: 50.7 grams/liter

Total Acidity: 7.3 grams/liter

Total Production: 433 casesr

UPC: 810404021194

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 102 per serving (5 oz.)

Carbohydrate & Sugar: 7.5 grams per serving

Fat & Cholesterol: None

Sustainably Grown

Pesticide & Herbicide Free

GMO Free

Gluten Free

Vegan

