



## ZILLIKEN 2019 “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 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.

### [92] James Suckling

*“A beautiful, barely off-dry riesling for the kind of delicious, everyday drinking so many people are looking for. Tons of fresh herbs, a cascade of citrus and tart stone fruit, then a long, crisp, mint and mineral finish.”*

– Stuart Pigott, Sept, 2020

### [91] Wine Advocate

#### TECHNICAL INFO

**Grape Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Alcohol:** 11.0%

**Residual Sweetness:** 18.7 grams/liter

**Total Acidity:** 6.9 grams/liter

**Total Production:** 1,600 casesr

**UPC:** 810404021163

#### NUTRITION INFO

**Calories:** 104 per serving (5 oz.)

**Carbohydrate & Sugar:** 2.7 grams per serving

**Fat & Cholesterol:** None

**Sustainably Grown**

**Pesticide & Herbicide Free**

**GMO Free**

**Gluten Free**

**Vegan**

THIS RIESLING IS:

