



ZILLIKEN 2019 Estate Riesling

A very fruity, succulent Riesling that shows the vivacious character of the Saar valley in the refined Zilliken style.

Like the song says: summertime and the Riesling is easy. This is the fruity (“lieblich”) counterpart to the off-dry Butterfly Riesling. Pretty flavors of citrus and orchard fruits drift like a lazy raft on a summer lake while the crisp acidity balances the fruitiness and keeps the wine nearly weightless as it floats across the palate. It ends with a long, meandering finish of lemon zest and apple tart.

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.

[91] James Suckling

“Very pomelo and pineapple character with a generous body and juicy fruit, but with a very crisp finish that’s just off dry.”
— Stuart Pigott, Sept, 2020

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 9.0%
Residual Sweetness: 41.5 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 7.3 grams/liter
Total Production: 433 casesr
UPC: 810404021170

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 101 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 6.1 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

