



ZILLIKEN 2019 Saarburg Riesling Trocken Alte Reben

A fine and sophisticated dry Riesling selected from very old vines in the Saar valley town of Saarburg.

Maturity is the glory of years, they say, and it's proven once again in this focused dry Riesling of cool purpose and slate-driven momentum. Very old Riesling vines ("Alte Reben"), ranging from 60 to 130 years, evoke aromas of summer flowers, orange blossom, apricot and lime. This linear beauty walks a taut line of citrus and herbal spice with razor sharp 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 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.

[94] James Suckling

"If you always wondered what "mineral" really means, then try this stunning dry white with just 11.5% alcohol. Fine, white peaches and apricots. Very polished with driving minerality at the long finish. From 60 to 130-year-old vines."

— Stuart Pigott, Sept, 2020

[91-93] Wine Advocate

[92] Mosel Fine Wines

TECHNICAL INFO

Grape Variety: 100% Riesling
Alcohol: 11.5%
Residual Sweetness: 8.7 grams/liter
Total Acidity: 7.1 grams/liter
Total Production: 108 cases
UPC: 810404021262

NUTRITION INFO

Calories: 102 per serving (5 oz.)
Carbohydrate & Sugar: 1.3 grams per serving
Fat & Cholesterol: None
Sustainably Grown
Pesticide & Herbicide Free
GMO Free
Gluten Free
Vegan

