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SELECTIONS

Vintage: 2012
Estate Zilliken
Region: Saar
Name: Rausch
Grape: Riesling
Ripeness: Spätlese
Style: Fruity
Alcohol: 7.5 %
Residual Sugar: 80 gm/L
Soil type: Devon Slate
Production level: 500
Closure: Cork
UPC: 7 67946 12112 0

Estate: As early as 1742 ancestors of the Zilliken family were active as wine producers in the villages of Saarburg and Ockfen. Today Hanno Zilliken and his daughter Dorothee are responsible for crafting Zilliken Riesling. The estate's cellars are the deepest in the Saar. They offer an unparalleled environment with near 100% humidity and a constant temperature of 48°F. The wines are fermented and matured in German oak (neutral) 1,000 liter barrels (Fuders). This cool, damp environment provides optimal conditions to produce Rieslings with great aging potential.

Tasting Note: The aromatics are dominated by ripe white and yellow peach fruit. On the palate it shows yellow peach, cassis, pink grapefruit, lime, orange, and a hint of pineapple. Even with its kaleidoscopic fruit profile, this Spätlese remains pure and crystalline. Sparkling minerality dominates the finish, and it is all highlighted by a tangy lime acid structure.

Food Affinity: Great to enjoy on its own, but also great with salads and spicy dishes or fusion cuisine.

