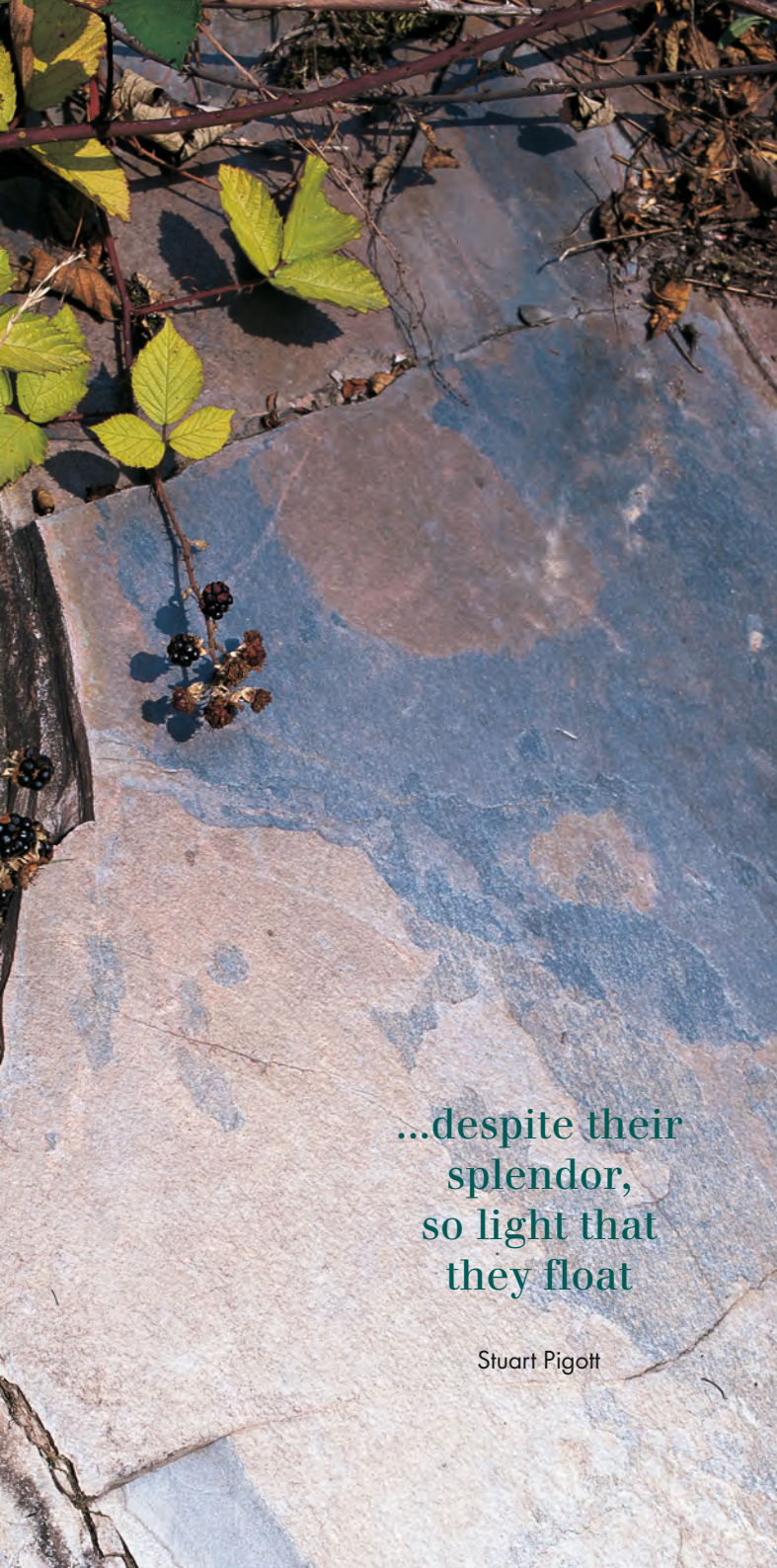


Riesling
like Butterflies...



A photograph of a blue and white marbled stone surface, possibly a wall or floor. In the top left corner, there is a branch with green leaves and blackberries. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

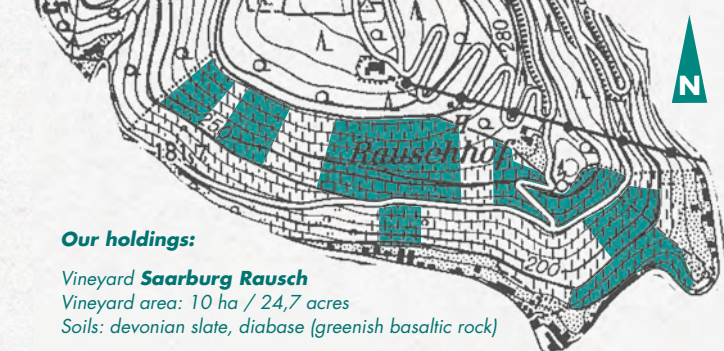
...despite their
splendor,
so light that
they float

Stuart Pigott



Committed to a Legacy

There are certainly easier working conditions for a wine-grower, but surely not for the production of great Riesling wines. Slate, steep slopes, and endless sunshine justifiably lend the Saarburger Rausch vineyard its status not only as a VDP classified site, but as a top site (VDP. GROSSE LAGE®, formerly known as Erste Lage). Here is where generations have developed their expertise in Zilliken Rieslings...where Hanno Zilliken applies his wealth of experience...where daughter Dorothee adds valuable new knowledge. They are committed to protectively managing this steep site, their legacy. A century ago, their 270-year-old wine estate was a founding member of the Grosser Ring, the regional association of VDP estates of the



Our holdings:

Vineyard **Saarburg Rausch**

Vineyard area: 10 ha / 24,7 acres

Soils: devonian slate, diabase (greenish basaltic rock)

Vineyard **Ockfen Bockstein**

Vineyard area: 1 ha / 2,4 acres

Soils: devonian slate, quartz

Grape varieties: 100% Riesling

Average yield: 50 hl/ha

Memberships: VDP, Pro Riesling

Mosel, Saar, and Ruwer. Today, as then, it guarantees high quality. Yields are consciously restricted to 50 hl/ha. This improves the longevity and quality of the vine. Painstaking vineyard care culminates in selective harvesting by hand. For the pure joy of wine...and with it, Rieslings that float like butterflies.





The fantastic potential of the vineyard...

The undulations and inclinations of the Saarburger Rausch site incorporate a broad spectrum of climatic factors into a unique combination that forms a complex microcosm of important flora and fauna. Within this setting, the grapes for their Riesling wines are tended with great care during the year. After the harvest, Hanno and Dorothee Zilliken focus all their efforts and passion on preserving the potential gleaned from the vineyard. Using the natural force of gravity, the wooden casks are filled for fermentation, and it is there, in seasoned wood, that the young wines remain throughout vinification. Cellar conditions are optimal: temperatures are cool and the humidity is extremely high, thanks to nearby springs. Stored three stories below ground, and thus without ullage, the bottled Rieslings mature – sometimes for decades – until they reach their peak. Their aging potential can only be estimated in their adolescence.

"It's admirable the way that Hans-Joachim Zilliken has remained true to his winemaking style through the years and has used it to individually interpret each new vintage. Exemplary of the great vintages of recent decades is 1997. Its mineral delicacy and depth presented the quintessence of the Saarburger Rausch. With their notes of lemon balm and flintstone as well as a hint of camomile, the wines of this site are the backbone of the estate's portfolio. The aging potential of these wines is truly astonishing.

"...The collections of the last decade – namely, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009 – moved the estate back into the region's top league. Vintage 2005 surpassed anything ever produced before...Vintage 2010 posed very special challenges for Saar wine-growers...It was not always easy to make the right decisions...(but) Hanno Zilliken succeeded...

"2011: Totally different, but just as good: Even the everyday liter bottlings of the current collection are pleasing. The estate has produced thoroughly convincing wines in every category...(but) we'll focus on the classic

styles with natural fruity sweetness... once again, a perfect success. The playfully delicate Kabinett – our winner in this category – is the Saar at its best! We're not talking about a limited edition, but rather, a basic house wine. And there's another winner: a perfectly structured Auslese that is unbelievably lively, with a fine, intense nose reminiscent of citrus and camomile. Our compliment!"

2011 Saarburger Rausch

Riesling Kabinett **92 points**

2011 Saarburger Rausch

Riesling Auslese -1- **95 points**

GAULT MILLAU WEINGUIDE DEUTSCHLAND 2013




...is finally awakened in the cellar.

The new VDP Classification



We take our time.

We hold our VDP.GROSSE LAGE® (top site) wines in reserve in their youth. Doing so enriches our portfolio with high-caliber and lusciously sweet Prädikat wines and rarities that have achieved maturity . These are supplemented by our powerful, dry Rieslings or wines such as BUTTERFLY, with sufficient body to go well with meals. All wines are made exclusively from grapes grown in our vineyards, which are 100% steep slopes; and all are vinified traditionally in neutral Fuder barrels (thousand-liter oak casks). The estate's inviting new tasting room offers an attractive contrast – a thoroughly modern venue for sampling and discussing wine. We take our time for that, too. You are cordially welcome. Simply arrange an appointment in advance.



"Hanno Zilliken characterized 2011 as a generous vintage and one where the basic ripeness was higher than 2010...The Saarburger Alte Reben is from a particular plot where the vines are over forty years old – some as old as 130 years and the average probably something like 90 years. The berries are extremely small, and Hanno says they look like white cassis (black currants). The nose is smoky and mineral. The mouth has not quite the grip of the Saarburger dry, but there is more breadth here with depth to the flowery flavors. 11.5% stated alcohol. The Rausch GG displays smoky slate and lime aromas. The mouth is pure with smoky flavors, good depth, and hints of slate lime as the wine progresses in the mouth. 12% stated alcohol. Last digits of A.P. Nr.: 11-12. The Butterfly is an off-dry wine. It is medium-weight and almost dry on the palate with pleasing lime and melon flavors and good grip. This is a wine to drink in the next few years while waiting for some of the more serious ones. 11% stated alcohol. Last digits of A.P. Nr.: 10-12."

CLAUDE KOLM
THE FINE WINE REVIEW
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2010 Saarburger Rausch
Riesling Auslese Gold Capsule
A.P.#4 **97 points**
2010 Saarburger Rausch
Riesling Auslese Long Gold
Capsule A.P.#1 **96 points**
2010 Saarburger Rausch
Riesling Auslese Long Gold
Capsule A.P.#2 **95 points**

DAVID SCHILDKNECHT
THE WINE ADVOCATE
FEBRUARY 2012

"One of the handful of special bottles I schlepped over to New York from Berlin is a 1990 Riesling Auslese from Zilliken in Saarburg on the Saar that is a perfect example of this special type of Riesling. The combination of a rather cool climate with great daytime-nighttime temperature fluctuations and stony soils in these German river valleys...makes these dangerously refreshing and seductively aromatic Rieslings possible."

STUART PIGOTT
RIESLING GLOBAL
NEW YORK RIESLING DIARY
DECEMBER 2012

"Intense aromas of cling peach, sweet lime and smoked almond, with just a hint of brown spice botrytis. Supple peach skin fruit is impressively bright and clear. Offers an exciting juxtaposition of restrained residual sugar, brilliant acidity and piquant minerality on the finish. In a very pure, classical style with undeniable class, this is the best of its ilk from 2011."

2011 Saarburger Rausch
Riesling Auslese #1 **95 points**

JOEL PAYNE
STEPHEN TANZER'S
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR
JANUARY 2013

"Racy and pure-tasting, with concentrated flavors that display refined power. Finish hums with buttercream, honey and spice."

2010er Rausch Auslese
Gold Cap **96 points**

KIM MARCUS
WINE SPECTATOR
APRIL 2012

"The 2011ers are truly stunning wines across the board, with the dry wines amongst the most brilliant I have ever tasted from the estate, and the off-dry and noble sweet wines magical distillates of slate and utterly pure fruit...I cannot recommend this entire range strongly enough."

JOHN GILMAN, VIEW FROM THE
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