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# VINTAGE 2020

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#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Kiedrich Riesling Trocken Rating: 93

The 2020 Kiedrich Riesling Trocken is very clear, pure, refined and flinty on the elegant and complex, beautifully silky and coolish, classic Rheingau Riesling nose that indicates finely weathered and spicy slate and quartzite soils with delicate fruit or even floral aromas. On the palate, this is a wide and juicy, very fine and elegant, perfectly balanced Riesling with fine, crystalline acidity structure and a long and intense, well concentrated but always salty-crystalline finish. This is a gorgeous Kiedricher Riesling with very delicate tannin grip on the finish. stated Drink Date: 2021 - 2040

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Kiedricher Klosterberg Riesling Auslese Rating: 93

The 2020 Kiedricher Klosterberg Riesling Auslese opens with a fine and concentrated raisin and grapefruit nose with speculoos cookie aromas. Juicy, piquant and sweet on the palate, this is a highly finessed and stimulating Auslese with perfectly ripe fruit and mouth-filling texture with lingering salinity and a long, long finish. A gorgeous wine. Drink Date: 2021 - 2070

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorcher Krone Riesling trocken Rating: 95

The 2020 Lorcher Krone Riesling Trocken opens with an intense and complex, very elegant and chalkyfresh bouquet of perfectly ripe Riesling grapes. Lush and silky as well as crystalline on the palate, this is a dense, very complex, finessed and grippy-mineral Krone with a firm, persistently salty and mineral finish. This is an impressive dry Riesling from predominantly 60- to 70+-year-old vines rooting deep in slate soils covering limestone sub-soils. Drink it from a Burgundy glass, in which the wine sits like an open book revealing all about Riesling, chalk and slate. A gorgeous wine with very fine tannins, lingering salinity and dense and juicy, lemony fruit. Drink Date: 2022 - 2050

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorcher Riesling trocken Rating: 94

Eva's 2020 Lorcher Riesling Trocken combines intense, concentrated and a bit reductive Riesling fruit with green tea and typical pure crushed slate (oil) and even very fine iodine aromas. Fascinating in its precision and definition! Supple, lush and elegant on the palate, this is an intense, round and silky, crystalline and sustainable, mineral Lorch Riesling with very fine tannins and sustainable, highly stimulating, salty-mineral grip on the finish. Drink Date: 2025 - 2045

# Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Rating: 94

The 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling offers a deep, intense and ripe yet elegant, pure and finely slatey as well as iodine bouquet of crushed stones and stewed yellow fruits. On the palate, this is a crystalline, refined and elegant yet tensioned and persistently salty Riesling from the Schlossberg. It needs some years to fully integrate the residual sugar of 23 grams per liter. The wine has fine tannin structure and good, tensioned length. Drink Date: 2027 - 2050

## Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Auslese Rating: 96

The 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Auslese opens with an intense yet fine bouquet of crushed gray slate and quartzite notes intermixed with grapefruit and raisin aromas. Pure, fresh and vibrant on the palate, this is a salty-piquant, energetic and highly stimulating Auslese with perfectly overripe fruit and highly delicate acidity. A gorgeous, highly stimulating Auslese. Drink Date: 2021 - 2070

## Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese Rating: 94

The 2020 Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese is pure yet intense on the nose and reveals risotto notes and ripe fruit aromas with flinty notes. Rich, sweet and lush but also refined and persistently salty on the finish, this is a piquant and fruity Schlossberg with good tension and stimulating salinity. Quite sweet at this early stage. Drink Date 2029 - 2060

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Lorchhäuser Seligmacher Riesling Rating: 95

The 2020 Lorchhäuser Seligmacher Riesling is deep, rich and intense on the nose that shows ripe and concentrated fruit. Pure and crystalline but rich and lush on the palate, this is a full-bodied, dense and intense Seligmacher that wasn't fermented to fully dry but is full of tension, mineral grip and salts. A fascinating wine that needs years to show its very best. It's still in its baby shoes. Drink Date: 2027 - 2050.

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Rheingau Riesling Trocken Rating: 92

The organic 2020 Rheingau Riesling Trocken is clear, intense and complex on the very elegant and finely mineral nose. Supple, structured and persistently salty on the palate, this is a silky, lush and mouth-filling Riesling with a beautiful character and terroir expression. The finish is long, crystalline and highly stimulating with salinity and delicate juiciness. This was sourced from Lorch, Kiedrich, Hattenheim, Eltville and other destinations, which explains the complex character of this generic Rheingau Riesling.Drink Date: 2021 - 2040

# Weingut Eva Fricke 2020 Rheingau Riesling Trocken, Mélange Rating: 94

The 2020 Rheingau Riesling Trocken Mélange blends the fruit from the Eltviller Langenstück and Kalbspflicht and opens with intense, perfectly ripe and juicy fruit aromas intertwined with delicate slate and lemon aromas. Silky, lush and persistently salty on the palate, this is a full-bodied, lush and intense, very complex and sustainably structured Riesling with persistent salinity and mineral length. This is a great wine to be served from a big glass when young. Aeration will help to dive deeper into the layered dimensions of the 2020 Mélange. Drink Date 2026 - 2050

#### Weingut Eva Fricke 2019 Rheingau Riesling Verde Rating: 90

Eva's organic 2020 Rheingau Riesling Verde is from grapes grown in Eltville and Martinstal that were gently pressed as whole clusters like a crémant. The nose is clear, fine and elegant, and the palate round and juicy, not fully dry but charming and already accessible. The finish is well structured, finely grippy and salty as well as lush and aromatic. A super charming Riesling for many occasions. Drink date: 2020 - 2040.

2020 was, after 2018 and 2019, another vintage with a lot of sun and dryness, but then enough water. Therefore, the wines of the new vintage are also characterized by clear fruit and a certain lightness at Eva Fricke. However, they are anything but thin, as they have good extract, which makes them pleasant to drink. After a long time, this is once again a real "Nordic" vintage, as it corresponds to Eva Fricke's ideas: clear, cool, fresh, straightforward and elegant yet rich in substance. These are classic Rheingau Rieslings that need a bit more oxygen to open up, but they undoubtedly will develop superbly.