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2020 Rheingau trocken 16.5

Full screwcapped bottle a modest 1,116 g. Entry-level wine grown on sandy loess and loam, clay, quartzite, slate. Notably fruity nose. You wouldn't necessarily guess this was a dry wine. Really bright-fruited on the palate - it sparkles! Powdery sensation on the finish. This has the body of a pure Rheingau and the precision of a Fricke wine. But it's not likely to be a very long laster.
Drink 2021 - 2024

VERDE 2020 Rheingau 16

Grown on sandy loess and loam, clay, quartzite and slate, and presumably sweeter than the Rheingau trocken bottling. Less aromatic than the Rheingau trocken. Masses of acidity almost cancels out any sweetness - in fact dominates the wine and makes it much less immediately accessible. Still quite chewy. I wonder who this is aimed at since presumably Germans who seek such an austere wine want to see 'trocken' on the label? There is Fricke precision but not that much fruit in evidence currently.
Drink 2022 - 2025

Kiedricher trocken 2020 Rheingau 16.5 +

Cuvée from sites in Kiedrich on sandy loam, clay in the subsoil, partially quartzite. Hugely floral and aromatic. A real charmer on the nose with the promise of crystalline fruit. Mouth-filling, minerally Riesling fruit with lime and length. Zingy citrus peel sensation on the finish. Quite a success.
Drink 2021 - 2028

Lorcher trocken 2020 Rheingau 16.5 ++

Sites in Lorch on grey slate. Certified organic. Fresh but more muted on the nose than the Kiedricher cuvée. Much chewier and more backward too. Tastes rather drier; bone-dry, almost drying finish. This is probably a long-distance runner. It's all extremely tightly wound for now but I think it will unfurl, possibly not until 2023, to reveal almost tropical-fruit notes.
Drink 2022 - 2030

Lorcher Krone Riesling trocken 2020 Rheingau 16.5 ++

Slate with a chalky subsoil. Unlike its 11.5% stablemates, this is labelled dry. Certified organic. Richly expansive nose that truly could be described as a bouquet. Hits the palate with some hazelnut characters as well as the array of tropical fruits. Very precise, and already mouthfilling. It's easy to see how much pleasure this could give at the table. There's a cool creaminess about the texture. Quite long. But it has a lot more to give,
Drink 2021 - 2030

Lorcher Wisperwind 2020 Rheingau 16.5

Grown on grey slate and quartzite.

Opulent fruit on the nose. Really broad, rich fruit immediately flatters the palate. Most appealing balance already. Brilliantly bright fruit but perhaps not that persistent. Passion-fruit notes. A real charmer for immediate consumption.

Drink 2021 - 2026

Lorchhäuser Seligmacher Riesling 2020 Rheingau 16.5 +

Slate base interspersed with quartzite.

More complex nose than the Lorcher Schlossberg at this stage. Really quite broad, even peachy fruit and then drawn up to a tight finish redolent of grapefruit with some chalky texture.

Drink 2021 - 2028

Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling 2020 Rheingau 16 +

Full bottle 1,475 g. Grown on grey slate and chalk.

Greenish straw. Very precise and crystalline with explosive passionn fruti flavours at first and a finish that's still a bit dry. Still a baby.

Drink 2022 - 2028

Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Spätlese 2020 Rheingau 16.5 ++

Certified organic. Grown on grey slate and chalk.

Really quite sweet. Granny Smith juice but carefully sculpted. Still very youthful.

Drink 2025 - 2037

Kiedricher Klosterberg Riesling Auslese 2020 Rheingau 16.5 ++

Certified organic. High toned and seriously racy and exciting. This really tingles and titillates the nose.

Medium sweet and very fine lime and blossom flavours. Tight and lively.

Drink 2023 - 2032

Eva Fricke, Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Auslese 2020 Rheingau 17 ++

Lorcher Schlossberg Riesling Auslese 2020 Rheingau

Richer and denser, if more restrained on the nose, than the Kiedricher Klosterberg. Heady blossom and minerals on the nose with a hint of botrytis and real complexity. Very clean, precise and neat. Super-fresh. Obviously made with great care.

Drink 2024 - 2035