



VINTAGE 2021

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“Bottled in August, the dry Rieslings are once again among the most characterful and best in the entire Rheingau. The 2021 Mélange is what I call a “best buy,” whereas the 2021 crus Schlossberg and Seligmacher are two of Germany’s finest dry Rieslings of the 2021 vintage.”

2021 Eva Fricke • Rheingau

Rating: 91+

The 2021 Rheingau is a pure Riesling trocken with bright, ripe fruit and fine mineral stone as well as herbal aromas—pretty complex for a generic Rheingau Riesling from Kiedrich, Eltville, Erbach and Lorch. Lush and round but elegant, this is a fruity, juicy and very aromatic Riesling with mouth-filling texture and fine mineral grip on the finish. This is a serious wine with a good, structured and stimulatingly saline finish. Drink Date: 2023 - 2038.

2021 Eva Fricke • Kiedrich

Rating: 92

From Kiedrich's Klosterberg and Sandgrub, the Riesling trocken 2021 Kiedrich offers a fine yet intense and well-concentrated nose of ripe citrus fruit (and orange) aromas intermingled with notes of crushed stones. Round and elegant on the palate, with a charmingly refined and mouth-filling texture and very fine, ripe acidity, this is a tense, saline, very persistent and lingering mineral Riesling with remarkable quality and complexity. Drink Date: 2025 - 2040.

2021 Eva Fricke • Lorch

Rating: 93

The 2021 Lorch is a pure Riesling from blue slate with concentrated lemon fruit aromas intermingled with notes of green olives. It is still discreet but with the austerity of the Lorch slate terroir. On the palate, this is a round and lush but crystalline, refined and elegant, persistently salty and sustainable Riesling with remarkable complexity. This is a fabulous, gorgeous and sustainable Riesling that could easily be aged for two decades if it just wasn't so good at this early stage. Drink Date: 2022 - 2042.

2021 Eva Fricke • Mélange

Rating: 94

The dry Riesling 2021 Mélange is from the fruit of the historic, up to date original (not consolidated) Eltviller Mönchhanach, which was integrated into the Langenstück in the 1979s. The cru was cultivated for centuries by Schloss Elz, until 50 years ago one of the most prestigious producers in the Rheingau.



Eva has cultivated the cru since 2019, after she took the lease over from Langwerth von Simmern and switched the cultivation of this heartbreak cru to organic farming immediately. Eva's 2021 offers a deep, pure, intense and stony nose of ripe, lush and concentrated fruits intertwined with quartzite aromas. Full-bodied, dense and concentrated on the palate, this is—after being aerated—a finessed, saline and playful but persistent Riesling with lots of salt but also lush, ripe stone fruit aromas. Drink Date 2026 - 2045.

2021 Eva Fricke • Seligmacher

Rating: 95

The Lorchhäuser Riesling 2021 Seligmacher offers a clear and refined bouquet with very fine notes of fresh ash, iodine and ethereal notes such as pine needles. Round and fruity on the palate, this is a crystalline, charmingly round and juicy, savory, stimulatingly salty and linear Riesling with generous, mouth-filling fruit and perfect roundness due to 15 grams per liter of residual sugar. Drink Date: 2023 - 2050.

2021 Eva Fricke • Krone

Rating: 94

The Lorcher Riesling 2021 Krone offers a fascinatingly pure, elegant, intense and aromatic bouquet of crushed (flint and lime) stones intermingled with notes of citrus fruits and, initially, also green pimientos. Round and elegant on the palate, with fine and saline acidity, this is a textured yet highly refined and finessed Riesling with the textural precision of chalk and the finessed acidity of slate. There are fine tannins here as well. After aeration, the chalky features came out more prominently and gave a silky texture with a greenish phenolic grip on the salty finish. Drink Date: 2026 - 2050.

2021 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg

Rating: 96

The Lorcher Riesling 2021 Schlossberg offers a deep, intense, aromatic and herbal (sage, mint) aroma on the nose along with a ripe white peach aromas. Silky, round and elegant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, complex, saline, silky-textured and sustainable Riesling with fine tannins structuring the long and complex finish. Bottled with 21 grams per liter of residual sugar (of which you taste a third, at most). Drink Date: 2027 - 2055.

2021 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg Spätlese

Rating: 93

From 30- to 35-year-old vines in a wind-protected part of the cru, the 2021 Schlossberg Spätlese opens with a pure and slatey/stony bouquet with crunchy notes. On the palate, this is a lush, savory and finessed Spätlese with a persistently saline and finely tannic finish. High tension. Drink Date 2025 - 2050.



2021 Eva Fricke • Klosterberg Auslese

Rating: 93+

Eva Fricke's 2021 Klosterberg Auslese is and remains extremely sulfitic on the nose that doesn't show much more than lots of added sulfur in these weeks. Well, the nose indicates clear, bright and perfectly healthy fruit, raisin and orange tea aromas. Round and lush but also refined on the palate, this is a dense, finely concentrated, well-balanced Auslese with really delicate acidity and salinity. Still a bit sterile, though but with great aging potential. Drink Date: 2028 - 2050.

2021 Eva Fricke • Krone Beerenauslese

Rating: 96

The 2021 Krone Beerenauslese offers a clear and concentrated, refined and elegant bouquet with lemon chutney and confiture notes intermingled with saline notes of crushed stones and verbena. Lush, round and savory on the palate, this is a generous, textured, sweet, enormously saline and elegant Riesling with concentrated and finely tannic fruit and an intense, lush and savory finish with lingering salinity. Drink Date: 2030 - 2070.

2021 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg Beerenauslese

Rating: 97

The 2021 Schlossberg Beerenauslese is pure and crystal clear on the nevertheless aromatic, well-defined and concentrated nose. Generous, lush and refined on the palate, this is a highly precise, saline and crystalline BA with fantastic lingering, highly stimulating acidity. Picked pretty early in the first two weeks of September, this is a highly stimulating, saline and finessed but well-concentrated Riesling with exceptional balance and length. A fantastic Riesling BA. Drink Date: 2023 - 2070.

2019 Eva Fricke • Pinot Noir Rosé Brut Nature

Rating: 91

The first release since the sensational 2016, Eva Fricke's 2019 Pinot Noir Rosé Brut Nature is based on Sandgrub grapes from Eltville and Kiedrich. Aged on the lees for two years, the wine offers a pure, precise and intense but delicate bouquet of bright red fruits, stewed rhubarb, fresh brioche and floral aromas. Light and finely lush on the palate, this is a delicate and saline Pinot with very fine bubbles and highly delicate and uplifting mousse. This is a weightless and highly delicate Pinot Sekt from the Rheingau. Drink Date: 2022 - 2028.

2018 Eva Fricke • Pinot Blanc Brut Nature

Rating: 89+

Eva Fricke's 2018 Pinot Blanc Brut Nature is based on grapes from the Lorcher Krone, Rheingau. The wine shows a delicate nose with bright fruit aromas and chalky, lemon zest and ripe pear notes. Filigreed and saline on the palate, it has an elegant texture, finely juicy fruit and a well-structured and persistent finish. This is a fleet-footed and balanced Pinot Blanc to serve as an aperitif and with lighter dishes with white meat or fish. Drink Date: 2023 - 2030.