

**The Rheingau's Winning 2024,
Finding Balance in Friuli and Portugal's White Wine Power**
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The tasting team at JamesSuckling.com tapped into 677 wines over the past week from 10 countries, with Senior Editor Stuart Pigott continuing his deep dive into the 2024 vintage in Germany, revealing that the Rheingau did extremely well that year despite the serious challenge the moist fall posed to winemakers due to the spread of rot and slow ripening of the healthy grapes. This success, Stuart said, can partly be attributed to the steep vineyards with stony soils found in Rudesheimer Berg and Lorch, which tend to come through such wet conditions best owing to the excellent drainage there.

The star of Lorch is Eva Fricke, who founded her winery as a start-up in 2006, and once again she blew Stuart's mind with her finest dry wines. The [Eva Fricke Riesling Rheingau Krone Trocken 2024](#), with its incredibly intense nose of lemon balm, yuzu and Amalfi lemons plus extraordinarily concentration and supercharged wet-stone minerality, is one of the wines of the vintage on the Rhine.

Right on its heels is the [Eva Fricke Riesling Rheingau Eltville Collection Dry 2024](#), an incredibly compact dry white with giant chalky minerality. It has great citrus and garden herb complexity through the extremely long, complete finish. Here the great age of the vines, once owned by the now defunct Schloss Eltz winery, seems to have been a decisive factor.

"It wasn't an easy harvest, but that didn't mean it was impossible to make great wines," Fricke explained. "But due to the very selective harvest, yields are really low and quantities limited."

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EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCHER KRONE TROCKEN 2024
Score 99

The incredibly intense nose of lemon balm, yuzu and Amalfi lemons pulls you into this extraordinarily concentrated and focused dry riesling. Only medium-bodied, but then the supercharged wet-stone minerality builds to an awesome crescendo in the finish that shows complexity and harmony. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drinkable now, but best from 2027.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU ELTVILLE COLLECTION DRY 2024

Score 98

Incredibly compact and concentrated with giant chalky minerality this is one of the rare dry stars of the region in 2024. Great citrus and garden herb complexity on the extremely refined, medium-bodied palate. Then comes the no less remarkable finish that has an originality that the wines from the central section of the Rheingau have rarely shown during the last decades. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink from release.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU ELTVILLE COLLECTION SPÄTLESE 2024

Score: **98**

The Spatlese category continues to be drastically underrated due to the whims of fashion, but this comes close to the maximum of finesse and filigree that a riesling Spatlese is capable of. Kaleidoscopic complexity of delicate floral, Amalfi lemon and Mirabelle plum aromas. Off-the-scale filigree in the super-long and refined finish. In spite of the high acidity, it is incredibly silky. Very limited production. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU SCHLOSSBERG 2024

Score: **97**

A dazzling diamond of an off-dry riesling. Exceptionally focused and slatey. Totally crystalline and dangerously energetic. Super-bright red cherries, wild strawberries, lemon balm and parsley. Such a breathtaking finish that you feel glad to be alive. This masterpiece is just beginning what will surely be an extremely long life. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU SCHLOSSBERG SPÄTLESE 2024

Score : **97**

It might be hard to believe, but this astonishing wine shows that lemon balm and wildflower aromas can be incredibly intense. Stacks of wild berry and herb aromas, too. Electric energy in the very sleek, dynamic yet almost weightless finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU SELIGMACHER 2024

Score: **97**

The aromas of lychees, lemon blossoms and red-fleshed peaches make this really stand out in the Rheingau context. At once juicy, concentrated and dangerously vibrant on the extremely focused, medium-bodied palate. So racy in the finish, with stacks of wet-stone and salty minerality, also Amalfi lemon energy. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU MÉLANGE SPÄTLESE 2024

Score: **96**

Extremely young and very closed, but the aromas that leap out at this early stage are greengage plums and pink roses, which is not exactly mainstream riesling. As it aerates a slew of other aromas emerge, but that only adds excitement on the very precise, medium-bodied palate. Although this has a healthy dose of natural grape sweetness, it's definitely not a sweet wine. Very long, elegant finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU MÉLANGE TROCKEN 2024

Score: **95**

A very compact wine for 2024, with a lot of delicate herbal notes under the wealth of pear and yuzu flavors, plus fine tannins that deftly anchor the medium-bodied palate. Wonderfully elegant texture and density in the long, complete finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCH TROCKEN 2024

Score: **95**

A great village wine with fantastic purity and stony energy on the super-focused, medium-bodied palate. Masses of Amalfi lemon, lemon balm and wildflower aromas. Wonderfully juicy and salty mid-palate. Extremely long, crystalline finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU SONNENBERG TROCKEN 2024

Score: **94**

The aromas of candied lemons and Mirabelle plums are underlined by tantalizing, delicate earthiness. Excellent concentration and ripeness, with zesty Amalfi lemons on the medium-

bodied palate and a long, very appealing finish. Limited production. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU KIEDRICH TROCKEN 2024

Score: **94**

Tightly wound on the medium-bodied palate, with restrained creaminess, delightful juiciness and silkiness. After a little aeration, aromas of orange blossoms emerge. Long, complex finish with delicate minerality and a positive thread of bitterness. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drinkable now, but best from 2026. Screw cap.

EVA FRICKE PINOT NOIR RHEINGAU ROSÉ TROCKEN 2024

Score: **93**

Very bright and juicy, with a wealth of fresh red berry and nectarine aromas. Riesling-like vitality, but also salty minerality and a touch of Mandarin orange flavors that make for an unusually complex dry rosé. Very long, beautifully balanced finish. The first vintage of this wine. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink now. Screw cap.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU LORCH WISPERWIND 2024

Score: **93**

Very sleek and silky on the barely medium-bodied palate, with a wealth of nutty yellow apple aromas. A very zesty, barely off-dry Amalfi lemon finish. Limited production. Vegan. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU TROCKEN 2024

Score: **93**

Very cool nose with a radical wild berry character that is almost as intense as the fresh mint and sage aromas. Supernatural freshness at the finish, where the rapierlike acidity is wrapped in astonishingly intense lime and mint character. Drinking this feels like balancing on one of the points of a diamond, although it is not analytically dry. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.

EVA FRICKE RIESLING RHEINGAU VERDE 2024

Score: **91**

Welcome to kiwi and gooseberry central. Although this is very sleek on the barely medium-bodied palate, it is also silky with lovely lemon curd flavors. Very good length for just 11% alcohol. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drink or hold.