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Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Eltville Collection Dry 2025 - 13.5% / This gigantically spicy and overwhelmingly concentrated wine defies all the norms and conventions of the Rheingau. Simultaneously soft and emphatically dry with a mineral intensity that's completely off the scale, this is a mind-expanding wine that expands the possibilities for Rheingau, German and Riesling wines. From 2 hectares of vines planted in 1969 and 1971 in the Langenstück site of Eltville by the Schloss Eltz winery. 2,100 bottles produced. 100 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Krone Trockenbeerenauslese 2025 - 5.5% / I never tasted lemon balm honey, but this is how I imagine it must taste. So many wine drinkers imagine that nobly sweet wines must taste fat or at least rich in the obvious sense, but this savage beauty is uniquely different. And it's the combination between the impression of the highest delicacy plus the enormous concentration and lusciousness that makes this such an inspiring wine. 100 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Seligmacher 2025 - 12.5% / What if a great white wine just said, „dance with me!" Well, that's what this overwhelming expression of Riesling joy does Yes, it's not analytically dry, but neither is it emotionally dry! All the peaches, wild berries and the stones demand to be heard. Incredibly long, cool and crystaline finish. 99 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Eltville Collection Beerenauslese 2025 - 5.5% / All the complexity of the realm of Botrytis wines -honeycombe,, exotic fruitas and freshly-picked mushrooms- is married to a dazzling combination of richness and mineral vibrancy on the compact and lusciously sweet palate. Mind-blowing finesse at the near-endless finish. 99 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Schlossberg Trockenbeerenauslese 2025 - 5.5% / Stand back for the arrival of the Riesling TBA express! Enormous concentration of candied orange peel and dried mango character is countered by a giant acidity, making this explode on the very compact palate. At this embryonic stage of the wine's life almost too much drive at the finish, but this energy will carry the wine through many more decades of aging. Try to be patient. 99 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Krone trocken 2025 - 13.5% / You can travel the world and if you could travel through time I don't think you'd ever find a wine quite like this extraordinary, quince-like essence of Riesling. As Jim Morisson recommended *take your time, go real slow*, because the way this beauty spirals inward to its stony core is extraordinary. Totally centered finish that defies simple description or explanation. 98 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Krone Auslese 2025 - 7.5% / Although this is a luscious Auslese it is also every bit as much a mountain wine. Very succulent and concentraed mid-palate, but also great youthful energy and wet-stone freshness. Giant finish, that's diamond-bright! 98 (SP

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Eltville Collection Auslese 2025 - 7% / If you're seeking the ultimate in finesse in nobly sweet Riesling, then here it is! An essence of low-hanging stone fruits that delights way more than any of us would normally expect. Perfect balance at the extremely delicate finish. 98 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Seligmacher Beerenauslese 2025 - 7.0% / Bladerunner sharp, this radically racy nobly sweet Riesling is dangerously energetic. The giant tension may be too much for some, but I love how it lifts you up and points you at the sun, then all the dew evaporates. 98 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Schlossberg 2025 - 12% / Very Amalfi lemon and wet-stone, this seriously racy, barely off-dry Riesling has an incredible freshness that should jolt awake anyone who's suffering from burnout. Totally focused, pristine and precise at the extremely long finish. 97 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Schlossberg Auslese 2025 - 7.5% / „Come hither, wine drinker!" says the wine, „you think that you know what you need, but I know what you want!" Reluctantly, you give in and let the great wave of tropical fruits pour over you, then the passion fruit freshness lifts you. Dangerously fresh finish. 97 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Weissburgunder trocken 2025 - 13.5% / A powerful dry Pinot Blanc that's closer to the top wines of Alto Adige than to anything else in Germany. Great textural complexity on the mouthfilling palate, but the tingling minerality keeps this very focused. Super-ripe citrus and pear aromas, but not a jot overdone, much less heavy at the very concentrated long finish. From over 30 year old vines in the Krone site of Lorch. 96 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Mélange trocken 2025 - 13.5% / The vineyards of Eltville don't have the best reputation, but this has an enveloping bouquet of yellow fruits that spans the range from Mirabelle plum to pineapple via yellow peach. Concentrated ripeness, but also fabulous elegance right through the very long, silky finish. The de facto second wine to this producer's Eltville Collection Dry. 96 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Schlossberg Spätlese 2025 - 8.5% / A super-concentrated Riesling Spätlese with a ton more structure and minerality than the norm for this category. A slew of summer flowers and berries ripple over your palate, but the dominant impression is of mountain stream freshness, the touch of sweetness sparkling at the very long, pure finish. 96 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Silvaner trocken 2025- 12.5% / What an enveloping aroma of ripe pear! Yet, on the palate the most striking thing is the coolness of the firm structure that counterpoints the GG/Grand Cru type concentration. Very pithy and stony at the long, compact finish. From 70 year Silvaner vines in the Seligmacher site of Lorchhausen. 95 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Lorch trocken 2025 - 12.5% / Gaze deep into this crystal that glitters in all the colours of the Riesling rainbow and forget the world. Also all the wild herbs of thesevineyards that falls precipitously into the Rhine. Fantastic concentrationfor a village wine, but every bit as much finesse. Incredible energy at the dynamic and pristine finish. 95 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Sonnenberg trocken 2025 - 12% / Come to the gentle slope of the sunny mountain where the Mirabelle plums have perfectly ripened. Great balance on the juicy and generous palate, then a very long, compact and subtle finish. The second vintage of this wine from one of the underrated vineyard sites of Eltville. 95 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Pinot Noir Rosé trocken 2025 - 12% / Forget Provence! Here's a super-elegant dry rosé that's vivid and invogorating. Brimming with summer berry fruits, yet it also has a wonderful delicacy. Very long, wet-stone finish with a polish German rosés rarely have. 93 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling trocken 2025 - 12.5% / A huge mouthfull of ripest citrus- all the colours and everything from blossoms to zest!- plus beautifully ripe peach. Stunningly vivid with a joyful energy that keeps this very fresh at the finish. 93 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Kiedrich trocken 2025 - 12% / A very zesty wine with effusive aromas of orange blossom, kumquat and a touch of basil. Cool and dry, but with a very attractive juiciness and excellent tension at the long, herbal finish. 93 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Wisperwind 2025 - 12.5% / What an elegant, medium-bodied, barely off-dry Riesling. Brimming with white peach and ripe yellow apple aromas. Terrific stony minerality that gives the finish so much energy. A very strong wine for what is de facto entry-level! A cuvée of wines from the top sites of Lorch. 92 (SP)

Eva Fricke Rheingau Riesling Verde trocken 2025 - 12% / The sun just came up on a spring meadow and everything glistens with dew. Yes, the wine makes me dream although it's a dry Riesling with just 10% alcohol and therefore theoretically not made from ripe grapes. A Vinho Verde style wine with a very crisp appley finish. 91 (SP)