



## VINTAGE 2023

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Eva Fricke has put together an almost sensationally good collection of 2023 Rieslings! The astonishment is based less on the reliably good single-vineyard wines but rather on the village wines, which have a power and expressiveness like never before. They have nothing to fear from the Rheingau's Grosse Gewächse, because God knows these wines are not small. Rather, they are clear ambassadors of their respective origins. The Lorch, for example, is a great Riesling for a moderate investment.

### 2023 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg Trockenbeerenauslese

**Rating: 99**

The 2023 Schlossberg Trockenbeerenauslese opens to precise raisin and candied lemon zest aromas intermingled with iodine and grapefruit aromas on the nose. On the palate, this is a rare, incredibly rich yet precise and viscous TBA that reveals a highly concentrated and oily texture with a lemon-fresh and savory, irresistibly saline acidity, tobacco flavors and a long stimulatingly saline finish with candied lemon and lemon chutney flavors. Very sweet but also savory and stimulatingly saline, this is a highly promising TBA with a generous, almost unreal dense texture and a fine, even stimulating finish. 5.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in September 2024.

### 2023 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg Auslese

**Rating: 97**

The Lorcher Riesling 2023 Schlossberg Auslese is very clear and precise yet also intense and savory on the nose. Sweet, round, refined and elegant on the palate, this is a lush and savory, stimulating saline and crystalline Auslese with a buoyant character and a generous, endlessly lush and finessed, very long finish. Full of potential, this rich and irresistible Auslese is capable of shining like the sun in a few years. 7% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in September 2024.

### 2023 Eva Fricke • Krone Auslese

**Rating: 96+**

The Lorcher Riesling 2023 Krone Auslese is clear, bright, fresh and savory on the nose, offering slightly honeyed bright fruit aromas (mangoes) intertwined with flinty notes of crushed rocks. Pretty sweet and rich on the palate, this is a generous and age-worthy Auslese with remarkable finesse and stimulating salinity yet a plus of sweetness that will take years to integrate. 7.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted from the 375-milliliter bottle in September 2024.

### 2023 Eva Fricke • Seligmacher

**Rating: 96**

The Lorchhäuser 2023 Seligmacher is clear and savory on the intense and concentrated nose. Dense and very elegant on the palate, this is a full-bodied, intense and stimulating but also tightly mineral and still stringent Riesling that will definitely benefit from further bottle age. In fact, this is a classic, crunchy, saline and savory Riesling with a concentrated fruit core and crystalline and nervy quartzite acidity that takes it to a long and intense finish. If you give it 5 or 6 years, you will celebrate it. 12.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.



### **2023 Eva Fricke • Krone**

**Rating: 96**

The 2023 Krone is deep, intense and crunchy flinty on the complex and iodine-infused nose. Full-bodied, intense and juicy on the palate, this is a highly complex but refined and elegant, concentrated, rich yet balanced as well as tensioned Riesling with ripe and juicy fruit, fine and chalky acidity and a very long, intense and saline finish. This is a spectacular Riesling. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg**

**Rating: 95+**

The 2023 Schlossberg is pure, precise and finely flinty on the concentrated and savory nose that references ripe and fleshy mangoes as well as crushed blue slate. Round, lush and elegant on the palate, this is a sweet and sour Riesling with substance and a long, intense and structured finish. The wine doesn't shine bright at this stage but leaves so much flesh or material on the palate that its future is doubtlessly rosy. Not fully dry but also not sweet, this is simply a rich and generously textured Riesling from the Lorcher Schlossberg. 12% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in September 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke • Lorch**

**Rating: 95**

From late-harvested (and ripened) grapes from the Krone and a little bit of Kapellenberg, the 2023 Lorch is deep, pure and intense on the citrusy and slaty-savory nose. Complex, full-bodied and powerful on the palate, a big (Bordeaux or Burgundy) glass is highly recommended for this cru. This is a refined, rich and powerful yet saline and crystalline, very elegant and defined Riesling with very fine tannins and finely crunchy minerals. It has a very long, tight and astringent but also salivating finish. This is another giant of the vintage. 13% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke • Kiedrich**

**Rating: 94**

The 2023 Kiedrich is deep, intense and complex on the remarkably bright, refined and elegant, saline and flinty nose. Full-bodied, rich yet elegant, fresh and saline on the palate, this is an expressive village Riesling with a remarkably intense and complex minerality that not only balances the power and full body of this stunningly persistent village wine but also uplifts its complex finish. Is it really a village wine and not a hidden, long undiscovered grand cru? The finish is intense, saline and long and reveals fine tannins, citric notes and a blend of calcareous and slaty features. 12.5% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024

### **2023 Eva Fricke • Mélange**

**Rating: 93+**

Entirely from Eltville and predominantly the old vines from Schloss Eltz, the 2023 Mélange is clear, deep and refined on the aromatic and even fruity, very elegant and generous nose. Smooth and elegant on the palate, this medium to full-bodied Riesling is intense and juicy and provided with salty grains and fine tannins. It's long and complex yet more charming than the Lorch and even the Kiedrich. Dense, astringent, saline and powerful, this is a substantial Riesling of exceptional quality. This is in fact an Eltville village wine. 13% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.



### **2023 Eva Fricke • Schlossberg Spätlese**

**Rating: 93**

Eva's Lorcher 2023 Schlossberg Spätlese is very clear, intense and fresh yet still as reductive as a young, sweet Mosel Riesling. Round and sweet on the lush and charming palate, this is a fine and elegant yet for the moment all-too-obvious Spätlese that bears the finesse of the Lorcher Schlossberg yet doesn't translate its savoriness. It's stimulating anyway due to the crystalline salinity yet not with the expected drama or tension on the palate. Not yet. Keep it for a decade and the wine will start singing. 7% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in September 2024.

### **2020 Eva Fricke • Pinot Noir Blanc de Noir Brut Nature**

**Rating: 93**

The 2020 Pinot Noir Blanc de Noir Brut Nature is delicate, light and pure on the elegant and finely fruity nose that is naturally fine and open yet also precise and reminiscent of raspberries. Disgorged after 38 months in May 2024, this is a light yet intense and delicate, beautifully pure sparkling wine with remarkable intensity on the long and complex finish. This impressive sparkling wine is entirely based on Pinot Noir from Eltviile and Kiedrich. It had a low sulfur dose. 12% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke • Rheingau**

**Rating: 92**

The 2023 Rheingau is clear, pure, fresh and finely flinty on the nose, although only a small part of the assemblage is based on Lorch fruit, whereas the rest comes from the central Rheingau. Intense, dense and saline on the palate, this is a full-bodied, crystalline and persistently saline Riesling that is analytically dry but pretty rich and, luckily, also vital due to its complexity and drive on the long, mineral finish. This is a stunning Rheingau estate wine. 12% stated alcohol. Screw-cap closure. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke • VERDE**

**Rating: 90**

The 2023 Rheingau Riesling Verde opens clear, pure and fresh on the nose, with crushed slate plates and citrus aromas, but it's pretty reductive in the first moment yet also saline. All in all, it's a serious terroir ambassador. Round and lush, this is an elegant, savory and creamy, stimulating saline and persistent off-dry Rheingau classic. It has 10.5% stated alcohol but an impressively intense finish. It comes from grapes that were picked earlier than any other wines here. Screw-cap closure. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.

### **Eva Fricke • Pinot Blanc Brut Nature**

**Rating: 89**

Assembling the harvests of 2019, 2020, 2021, the NV Pinot Blanc Brut Nature is a pure yet intense and aromatic Pinot Blanc from the Lorcher Krone (slate soils). Still yeasty but fine and round on the palate, this is a dry and savory yet less delicate sparkling wine than the Pinot Noir. The finish is quite powerful and too rich for an aperitif. It was disgorged in July this year. 12.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.



## THE ELTVILLE COLLECTION

### **2023 Eva Fricke Eltville Collection Trockenbeerenauslese**

**Rating: 98**

The 2023 Eltville Collection Trockenbeerenauslese opens with raisin and candied lemon aromas intertwined with honey aromas. Very rich yet savory and persistently saline on the palate, this is a sweet yet stimulating TBA with remarkable acidity and lemon bitters. Great aging potential! 5.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted in September 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke Eltville Collection Spätlese**

**Rating: 95**

The 2023 Eltville Collection Spätlese is clear and savory on the intense yet precise and lemony nose that represents the slate terroir as well as perfectly ripe Riesling fruit of the 2023 vintage. Lush and savory on the palate, this is a crystalline and saline, very stimulating Spätlese in the classic, grippy style that eats the sugar easily. The wine is straight, pure and salivating and absolutely gorgeous! 8% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August and again at home in early September 2024.

### **2023 Eva Fricke Eltville Collection Dry**

**Rating: 94**

The 2023 Eltville Collection Dry is officially an Eltville Riesling trocken based on old massal selections from the iconic Schloss Eltz producer. The wine opens with a deep, pure, refined and saline, wonderfully intense and very elegant, finely mineral nose of finely weathered rocks, stones and salts. Full-bodied, intense and savory on the palate, this is an elegant, refined and powerful Riesling with remarkable finesse and elegance but also density and concentration. It is very long and elegant, and there are small ripe pears on the aftertaste. 12.5% stated alcohol. Natural cork. Tasted at the domaine in August 2024.