



Mosel Fine Wines

"The Independent Review of Mosel Riesling"

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Recommended Wines

Weingut Lenhardt

(Mehring – Middle Mosel)

Weingut Lenhardt is a small (6 ha) family Estate in the less-known village of Mehring. It was revived by siblings Eva and Christian Lenhardt after their winemaking studies and stints abroad, in 2017, after 25 years of the Estate only growing and selling grapes. The Estate can rely on a number of prime parcels and, above all, on a sizeable pack of old and partially still un-grafted vines. It is an adept of late harvesting and aging its top dry wines on their gross lees before bottling. If 2021 is anything to go by, the style is one of freshness, intensity, and precision, reminiscent of the Carl Loewen Estate.

<u>2021er</u>	Lenhardt	Mehringer Blattenberg Riesling Trocken	08 22	92+
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The 2021er Mehninger Blattenberg Riesling Trocken is a tank-fermented dry wine made from parcels planted with very old vines still for a part un-grafted. It offers a still remarkably backward nose upon opening where earthy spices, smoke, and residual elements from the fermentation drive the scents. After quite a while, the wine starts to show its true colors as citrusy elements, bergamot, and cassis start to join the party and take the lead. The wine is superbly precise and intense, but also still quite tart at this stage on the palate. It is really only in the superbly intense and focused after-taste that the potential packed in this wine comes through. What a great piece of dry Riesling in the making, which even has some potential! 2026-2036

<u>2021er</u>	Lenhardt	Mehringer Zellerberg Riesling Trocken	07 22	92
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The 2021er Mehninger Zellerberg Riesling Trocken is a tank-fermented dry wine made from parcels planted with 60-70-year-old old vines. It offers a beautiful nose made of pear, citrusy fruits, elderflower, a hint of cassis, as well as still some reductive elements including smoke and slate. The wine is beautifully intense and yet also remarkably precise and balanced on the not bone-dry but nicely juicy palate and leaves a superb feel of fresh fruits, minerals, and fine herbs and spices in the finish. The aftertaste is superbly tart and makes one want to go for more. This wine is still quite some work in progress and is best left alone for another couple of years! 2026-2036

<u>2021er</u>	Lenhardt	Mehringer Blattenberg Riesling Spätlese	09 22	91+
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The 2021er Mehninger Blattenberg Riesling Spätlese was made from fruit picked late at 95° Oechsle from very old vines and was fermented down to sweet levels of residual sugar (68 g/l). This bright white-yellow-colored wine offers a beautifully pure nose of pear, whipped cream, apricot blossom, elderflower, citrusy elements, and smoky slate. The wine develops more the sweetish and creamy side of an Auslese on the palate but the citrusy creamy flavors and the zest make for a great experience. Also a nice sense of tartness adds juiciness to the finish. There is quite some potential here for this sweet wine. 2026-2036

<u>2021er</u>	Lenhardt	Mehringer Riesling Feinherb	05 22	91
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The 2021er Mehninger Riesling Feinherb is an off-dry wine (with 19 g/l of residual sugar) made from fruit picked in the Blattenberg and Zellerberg. It offers a beautifully pure nose made of cassis, a hint of whipped cream, elderflower, some fine spices, and smoke elements. The wine develops the juicy balance of almost a fruity-styled rather than an off-dry wine on the palate. Here, fresh elements mingle with a remarkably juicy and animating sense of zest. The finish is pure and engaging. What a beautiful expression of fully off-dry wine. Now-2036



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2020er	Lenhardt	Mehringer Zellerberg Riesling Auslese	09 21	90
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The 2020er Mehringer Zellerberg Riesling Auslese was made from 10-20% botrytized fruit picked at 97° Oechsle and was fermented down to noble-sweet levels of residual sugar (78 g/l). It offers a rather reduced but remarkably complex nose made of almond cream, date, and candied pear. The wine is comparably round and smooth on the palate, where some elements of petrol add an earthy side to the experience. The finish is juicy and quite persistent. 2025-2030+

2021er	Lenhardt	Riesling Trocken	03 22	89
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The 2021er Riesling Trocken is made from fruit picked on over 40-year-old vines in the Mehringer Goldkupp. It offers a beautiful nose made of citrusy elements, elderflower, a hint of whipped cream, chalky elements, and flowers. The wine is beautifully airy and precise on the dry-tasting palate and leaves a gorgeous and remarkably finely chiseled array of fresh flavors in the long finish. The aftertaste is remarkably well balanced. This is a successful expression of dry Estate Riesling. Now-2029

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