



**95 Abeja 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon (Columbia Valley).** Boysenberry and lilac aromas were a nice start, but a minty note took me back to my first mind-blowing experience with the eucalyptus of an old Heitz Cellar Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon. Freshly pulled espresso shots and Bing cherries mix it up on the smooth palate with notes of dark chocolate and thyme. Drink 2024–2032. *Cellar Selection.* —M.A.

**abv:** 14.5%

**Price:** \$68



**93 Abeja 2022 Chardonnay (Washington).** Swoonworthy aromatics of lavender water, earthy/funky daisies and lemon drop hard candies are worth \$48 all by themselves. Then you get brilliant acidity providing a sharp edge to icy lemon granita, candied ginger and mint flavors. Enjoy 2024–2034, perhaps longer. *Cellar Selection.* —M.A.

**abv:** 14%

**Price:** \$48

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## MERLOT

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**94** **Abeja 2021 Merlot (Columbia Valley).** If I could mix up a batch of blueberry fruit leather with violets and bits of blood orange, it would smell just like this dazzling Merlot. Flavors of blackcap raspberries, anise and bone marrow are backed by firm, ripe fine-grained tannins and lively acidity. Drink now–2035. *Cellar Selection.* —M.A.  
**abv:** 14.5% **Price:** \$55