

## Columbia Valley 2021 vintage report: Overview of Washington and Oregon plus top scoring wines

In the Columbia Valley, which encompasses all of Washington's major wine-growing regions, and the Walla Walla Valley which extends across the border into Oregon, 2021 was a record-shattering year. High temperatures, beginning with an alarming heat dome in June, saw the 2021 growing season surpass the very hot 2015 vintage, however, winemakers have produced a raft of beautiful wines with those who lean into elegance and finesse rising to the top.



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### Columbia Valley 2021: 30 of the top wines tasted

## Abeja, Heather Hill Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla Valley, Columbia Valley, Washington, USA 2021

My Wines

#### SINGLE TASTING

96

**Tasted by:** Clive Pursehouse  
(at Seattle, Washington, 31 Aug 2024)

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**Drinking Window:** 2024 - 2038

Red fruited beauty and savoury elegance come together in this 100% Cabernet from the Heather Hill Vineyard, a wine built for cellaring. The Heather Hill estate site sits on the Oregon side of the Walla Walla Valley, just south of the Rocks District AVA. Aromas of freshly crushed rose petals, smoky violets, and a peppercorn melange are combined with dried lavender, desert sage, and mountain scrub. It holds its elegance high as it offers a rich and textured experience on the palate. Savoury herbs envelope smoky, meaty notes, crushed basalt mineral tones, and a deft balance of black plums and warm, exotic spices finish the wine.