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# The Walla Walla wine guide: It's not just fun to say (there are great vineyards here, too)

Walla Walla is one of the most impressive wine country towns in America. Here's what to do there



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For fans of wine, the Walla Walla region offers one of the most stimulating scenes in the country. The Eastern Washington city is best known as the birthplace of Adam West, the original Batman. But if the next 10 years function anything like the previous 10, Walla Walla and wine will be forever intertwined.

One of the town's many charms is its full embrace of the industry and Washington state wine. Downtown is historic, walkable, and teeming with tasting rooms and production facilities. It's a perfect home base for a long weekend devoted to getting out into some of the surrounding foothills to taste by day and returning to the city for a memorable dinner or bar drop-in at night.



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## **Abeja Winery & Inn**

Located about 7 miles outside of Walla Walla, [Abeja](#) feels a world away. The verdant grounds border Mill Creek and include a pond, gardens, a gorgeous barn-turned-tasting room, a winery, vineyards, and even some lodging options. The landscape is breathtaking, especially as you gaze into the background and take in the hypnotic rolling foothills of the Palouse.

Merlot is the label's strong suit and is worth exploring. Winemaker Dan Wampfler likes to talk about Abeja's quest to show the purity of the varietal and one can taste as much. Look for lovely blends, along with smaller batch releases of Viognier, syrah, Chardonnay, and more. There's a [restaurant](#) on-site, known to pull ingredients right off the property. Go for the wine but be sure to stick around and take in the stunning location.