

## An Absolute Wine Novice's Weekend Guide to the Walla Walla Valley

Here's how to have a great party in Walla Walla, whether you know your grenache from your gewurztraminer — or even if you don't drink at all

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### 6:30 p.m.: Destination dinner at **Abeja Winery**

*2014 Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla*

In 2022, Erin and Mike Easton sold their multi-award-winning West Seattle restaurant Il Nido, and moved out to the country, settling in her hometown just north of Walla Walla. (Longtime Seattleites might also remember Easton as the impresario behind Il Corvo, his spectacular, now-closed lunch counter in Pioneer Square.) Mike is now executive chef at the Kitchen at Abeja, and if he weren't reason enough to visit this dreamy winery (he is), the serene storybook surroundings would be. It is just so profoundly beautiful here. With a list of easy-drinking wines and hyper-seasonal dishes, Abeja pulls out all the stops for the luxe dining and tasting experiences, and guests who feel like splurging can **stay at the plush inn**, comprising five outbuildings (including a former carriage house). **Three-time James Beard-recognized Easton** is a thrilling addition to the already-gorgeous program. Diners will almost certainly need **a reservation**, but trust, this one is worth planning for.



Abeja Winery