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Located at Abeja winery in Walla Walla, The Inn at Abeja is a stunning, turn-of-the-century farmstead where original outbuildings have been restored to lovely, spacious, individual, and private guest accommodations.

Washington Vineyard Stays

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THE INN AT ABEJA - WALLA WALLA

Abeja and its eight lodging options offer a Walla Walla Valley wine country experience that ranks among the best on the West Coast.

Portland businessman Ken Harrison and wife, Ginger, purchased their farm in 2000 after having stayed at what was then known as Mill Creek Inn, a property with a history that stretches back to 1863. To create Abeja, the Spanish word for bee and pronounced “ah-BAY-hah,” the Harrisons renovated each building and later established two vineyards, one along Mill Creek.

They launched their label with the 2001 vintage, and acclaim for Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay came almost immediately. The Harrisons create such a hospitable climate that they’ve worked with just two winemaking teams. John Abbott left in 2015 to make Pinot Noir in

the Willamette Valley, handing Abeja off to Daniel Wampfler of Dunham Cellars fame and wife Amy Alvarez-Wampfler, who shined at Sinclair Estate Vineyards. The Inn at Abeja affords privacy, yet the peaceful grounds create opportunities for guests to meet, starting in the farmhouse with a breakfast of Lemon Souffle Pancakes and Walla Walla Sweet Onion Quiche. An hour after breakfast, there is the first of three available wine tastings, which are exclusive to guests. They can purchase Abeja wines and can have them shipped to 30 states. For those using Alaska Airlines, a case of Abeja flies free.

Amenities include in-room spa services provided by a licensed massage therapist, and Abeja also works with two wine tour agencies. Make sure the driver swings into nearby Klicker Berries and Antiques for local produces.

Abeja describes itself as “an adult get-a-way with a working winery.” As a result, children under the age of 13 are not encouraged, and only one option on the estate is pet-friendly. Rates range from \$325 to \$1,500 per night. www.abeja.net



Surrounding Abeja Winery and Inn are thirty-eight acres of gardens, lawns, creeks, and vineyards for guests to enjoy.



The exquisite Hayloft Suite at Abeja in Walla Walla.