

# Wine STAYCATIONS

NORTHWEST VINEYARD VACATIONS

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*There are few pleasures greater than sipping wine in a vineyard at sunset—except, perhaps strolling hand in hand with a sweetheart for an overnight in a lovely cottage amid the vines. Only a few such locations exist here in the Northwest, and they are largely concentrated in Walla Walla and Oregon’s Willamette Valley. Both are about a 4.5-hour drive from the Seattle area—flights to Walla Walla are a short 45 minutes.*





## Walla Walla, Washington



### THE INN AT ABEJA

Located four miles east of downtown, this stunning property offers a variety of accommodations. An estate vineyard lines the northwest edge of the property, and the gated entrance sets an elegant tone. The 35-acre estate was once part of the Kibler Farm, and most of the century-old buildings were in a state of disrepair when purchased by the Finches in the mid-1980s. They began renovating buildings, transforming the farm into the Mill Creek Inn. In September 2000, the property was sold to its current owners, Ken and Ginger Harrison, who continued restoring and transforming buildings. The small barn houses check-in for guests and the tasting room, and serves as a grand setting for breakfast each morning (possibly the best breakfast you'll ever have). The winery takes up the large barn—floors fashioned from reclaimed boxcar wood, among other interesting details.

Accommodations dot the property with names like Summer Kitchen, Chicken Coop and Edison House, and range between 400 and >1,200 square feet. Recently, the Harrisons moved from the farmhouse residence, which has been repurposed into a five-bedroom option. The Carriage House Suite sits on the edge of the hill, overlooking the lush valley. Babbling Mill Creek runs along the valley floor, spanned by an old covered bridge. The suite features three levels, two bedrooms and original wooden carriage house walls complete with colorful aluminum patches still tacked in place. A luxurious soaking tub, along with spa robes and lavender bath salts, makes relaxation a snap.

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