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## The Players

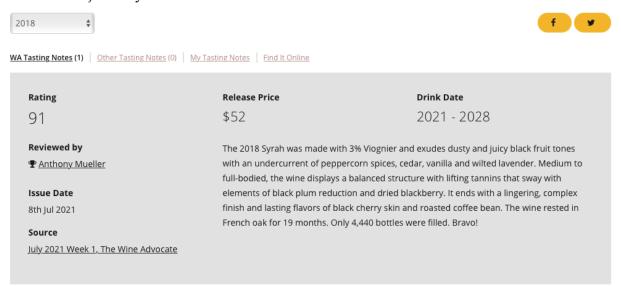
Walla Walla Valley offers a wide range of expressions, with classic producers such as Woodward Canyon Winery and L'Ecole No. 41 churning out age-worthy and delicious wine for decades on end. Tranche, owned by the Corliss family, continues to produce blockbuster wines that age incredibly well and are full of concentrated fruit expressions with elegant oak tones. Duckhorn's Canvasback brand has positioned itself to be a heavy hitter within the Walla Walla Valley as well.

The new generation also makes their mark on the Walla Walla Valley with hip winemaking and fun labels with Elephant Seven, Time & Direction and Morell Family Wines while newer producers like Caprio Cellars and Brook & Bull steam ahead with focus and precision.

Force Majeure, Cayuse, Horsepower, Reynvaan Family Vineyards, Sleight of Hand Cellars and K Vintners are still crafting impressive and collectible juice that is difficult to acquire if you are not on the mailing list. àMaurice Cellars and Abeja, with their century-old restored farmstead, shine with elegance and finesse. Kontos Cellars, Seven Hills Winery, Pepper Bridge Winery, Va Piano, Dusted Valley and Northstar offer wines of significant depth and focus.

The Walla Walla Valley produces a myriad of utterly delicious wines that range in style from classically made with an oak structure to concrete-fermented, whole-cluster wines without the use of oak. The producers of Walla Walla Valley continue to set the bar for thoughtful, dynamic wines that show impeccable focus, clearly displaying a sense of place with mineral tension.

## 2018 Abeja • Syrah



## 2017 Abeja • Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill

