

<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	2019	Abeja	<u>Chardonnay</u>	Bright straw-yellow. Rather wild scents of peach pit, strawberry, lime peel, hazelnut and musky lees. Rich and dense on entry, then concentrated and saline in the middle palate, with a melting umami quality that reminded me a bit of sake. Holds its shape and energy nicely through a subtly long, savory aftertaste. A very sophisticated, classically dry, youthful Chardonnay with a bright future.	92
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<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	2018	Abeja	<u>Merlot</u>	Bright, dark red. Sexy, inviting scents of redcurrant, raspberry, mocha, dried flowers and spicy, nutty oak. Plush, round and sweet but also shapely and firm; a serious mouthful of Merlot with noteworthy depth to its flavors of raspberry, plum, mocha and earth. With its terrific breadth and supple, sweet tannins, this is an uncommonly sophisticated Washington Merlot with plenty of baby fat. It can be enjoyed now with some aeration but has the stuffing to last.	93
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<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	2017	Abeja	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon</u>	Bright ruby-red. Complex scents of black cherry, currant, menthol, mocha, licorice and peppery herbs, plus a whiff of tobacco leaf; displays a stronger herbal element than the 2016. Plush, silky and easygoing on entry, then very ripe in the middle, with a suggestion of almost liqueur-like mocha/chocolate ripeness. Finishes with broad, serious, refined tannins that dust the palate and build quickly with air. This is softer than the 2016 but without quite that wine's finesse and light touch. A very chocolatey-rich, dense wine with restrained sweetness and good savory character. Serious concentration.	91
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<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	2017	Abeja	<u>Cabernet Sauvignon Heather Hill</u>	Good red-ruby. More precise and alive on the nose than Abeja's other 2017 Cabernet, offering aromas of currant, leather, licorice, dark chocolate, loam and tobacco leaf; conveys a strong impression of place. Suave and fine-grained on entry, then sweet, silky and intense in the middle palate, with plum, currant and milk chocolate flavors sharing the ripeness of the Walla Walla Cabernet but showing more refinement and lift. Wonderfully silky and suave, with excellent concentration, texture and weight. The slowly mounting, palate-saturating back end features well-buffered, building tannins. Much firmer than the Columbia Valley Cabernet but without any rough edges.	93
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<input type="checkbox"/>	☆	2018	Abeja	<u>Syrah</u>	Saturated bright ruby to the rim. Aromas of crushed blackberry, licorice, violet and minerals are a bit darker and wilder than those of the 2017 edition. Dense, sweet and seamless but firm in the mouth, with dark berry flavors lifted by flowers and minerals. A rather politely styled Syrah but firmly structured and still tightly coiled, with the concentration to allow for graceful evolution in bottle. Finishes with firm but suave tannins and subtle rising floral length.	91+
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