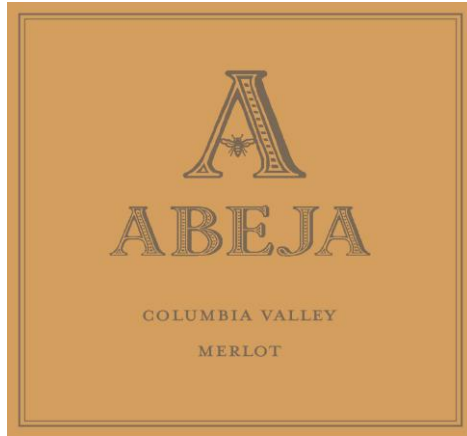


## TOP AWARDS & REVIEWS



### 2016 Abeja Merlot Columbia Valley

**94 Points - Jeb Dunnuck** “Moving to the reds, the 2016 Merlot is beautiful and also up with the top Merlots in the vintage. Terrific red currants, blackberries, spice box, and cedary herb notes all flow to a plump, medium to full-bodied Merlot that hits the palate with loads of fruit, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish. It’s already beautiful but promises to keep for 10-15 years.”

**92+ Points - Vinous** “Bright red-ruby. Lovely perfumed lift to the aromas of dark raspberry, cherry and sandalwood; as much red as black in character. Intensely flavored and sharply delineated, offering captivating inner-mouth perfumed lift to its dark berry and licorice flavors. A cooler and less pliant style than the 2015, but I love this wine's restrained sweetness, definition and light touch. This serious, refined, very youthful Merlot finishes with an element of medicinal reserve, dusty tannins, sneaky energy and length. I expect it to put on weight and gain in complexity in time. Classic presentation of 2016.”

**92 Points - James Suckling** “Ripe dark plums and an earthy edge to the nose that makes for enticing style. The palate has ample fleshy depth and a round, supple texture with abundant spiced plums on offer. Drink or hold.”

**91 Points - Wine Spectator** “Polished and elegantly complex, with refined black cherry, mocha and thyme flavors that glide toward plush tannins.”

**90 Points - Wine Enthusiast** “High-register aromas of baking spices, dried herbs, dried leaf and toast lead to deft, plump dark fruit flavors with ample barrel notes to go along with them. It shows a sense of refinement and elegance that heightens the appeal. There's plenty of richness as well, with fruit and barrel playing equal parts.”

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