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Like many great wine stories, Derrek's journey began around the family dinner table, where early conversations over carefully chosen bottles sparked what would become a lifelong passion. This path led him to Walla Walla's Abeja in 2005, where founding winemaker John Abbott helped shape his future.

Derrek's pursuit of craft took him from the storied cellars of Napa's Louis M. Martini to the sun-soaked vineyards of Western Australia, but Washington's wine country kept calling him home. His remarkable journey includes collaborations with some of wine's most celebrated names at Long Shadows, where he worked on behalf of legendary consultants like Philippe Melka, Randy Dunn, and Michel Rolland. No matter what the vintage gives us, Derrek has the training and mentoring to make exquisite wine.

Since taking the helm at Walla Walla Vintners in 2019, Derrek has brought both world-class expertise and hometown heart to our cellar. His winemaking philosophy? It's beautifully simple: great wines come from happy, collaborative teams, and that positive energy flows directly into every bottle we craft. This approach has transformed our program, creating wines that are both refined and true to their Washington roots – each bottle telling the story of our special corner of wine country.

HERE'S TO THE NEXT GLASS, AND THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS.

ROOTED IN WALLA WALLA.

**DELICIOUS
EVERYWHERE.**

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