



## CULTURE

# Sweet Sips in Walla Walla

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## ERITAGE RESORT

Nestled within 300 acres of rolling vineyard hills on Walla Walla's north side, Eritage features all-suite guestrooms with views of the Blue Mountains or its vineyards and man-made lake. The rooms have been designed to provide that perfect intersection of luxury and comfort, featuring hardwood floors with plush rugs, in-room fireplaces and soaking tubs (candles and bath salts provided), Garnier-Thiebaut linens, L'Occitane personal products, and thoughtful extras like a little bottle of Bailey's for a post-dinner nightcap. It feels like you are worlds away from everywhere — though it's only about a 10-minute drive downtown. [eritageresort.com](http://eritageresort.com)

## ARMSTRONG VINEYARD COTTAGE

Also located north of town, the Armstrong Vineyard Cottage offers a truly intimate wine country experience. The two-bedroom private cottage is really a home away from home, with a full kitchen, dining, and living area. An outdoor patio off the master bedroom treats guests to gorgeous views of the Armstrongs' estate vineyard and wheat fields beyond. Prepare yourself for breathtaking sunsets. [wallawallavacationrentals.com](http://wallawallavacationrentals.com)

## THE INN AT ABEJA

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This lovingly restored farmstead on Walla Walla's east end features charming accommodations in the property's several buildings (like the Carriage House). Deck chairs on the south side of the buildings make for the perfect relaxation setting, glass of Abeja wine in hand, with views of Mill Creek and the surrounding hills. Not to be missed, the inn's complimentary breakfasts are legendary.

[abeja.net/inn/](http://abeja.net/inn/)

## THE BARN B&B

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Rounding out the west side of town, this labor of love by retirees Naina and Anand Rao features seven suites with hand-painted artwork, Italian glass sinks, and private outdoor showers. In addition to breakfasts, the Raos will be offering complimentary dinners on Mondays and Thursdays in the property's large dining and kitchen space.

[bnbwallawalla.com](http://bnbwallawalla.com)

## DOUBLEBACK WINERY

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The new tasting room, located at the [Doubleback Winery's McQueen Vineyard](#) site, offers big light, big views, and big highly rated red wines (but don't miss out on the beautifully crafted Chardonnay). Cushy leather chairs invite lounging in the afternoon sun as you watch the clouds tickle the valley with light and shadow. Retro midcentury design touches give the atmosphere a playful vibe. (doublebackwine.com; by appointment only; \$45 per person refundable with purchase)

## TRANCHE

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One of the best places to while away a late afternoon into an evening, the large patio at [Tranche](#) features a gas fire feature, comfy Crate & Barrel furniture and views of the vineyard, as well as the estate sheep munching grass in their cushy ovine reserve. In addition to tastings, Tranche offers glass pours and bottles, live music (April–October), and occasionally food trucks (picnics always welcome). Some of Tranche’s best wines are perfect for warm-weather sipping — a stellar Provence-style rosé and a lovely balanced white Rhone blend called Pape Blanc. ([tranche.wine](#); open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m.)

## LONG SHADOWS

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It’s the best of the best at [Long Shadows](#), where each wine is crafted by one of the world’s best winemakers specializing in that varietal or style using Washington fruit. The tasting room is adorned with Chihuly glass sculptures, giving tasters the feeling of being inside a jewel box, with stunning views of surrounding wheat fields, hills, and trees.

([longshadows.com](#); by appointment only Thursday-Monday; \$20 per person waived with \$40 minimum purchase).