9 Destination Wineries
Worthy of Your Bucket List
PlACES TO SIP & STAY OVERNIGHT

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Having a great bar down the street is one of the joys of city living, but by the end of a long, wet Northwest winter in our own neighborhoods, most of us are ready to seek our sustenance farther afield this spring. Of course, once you’ve traveled an hour or two for a great drink, it’s convenient to have a place to rest right there; hence this collection of six destination hotel-bars to satisfy your wanderlust.

★ Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub and Guesthouses
As Canada’s first brewpub, Spinnakers helped develop British Columbia’s reputation for incredible craft beer. A barrel-filled warehouse and talented brewers help the old-school champion stay relevant, with funky IPAs and fruited sours on tap alongside impeccable lagers and bitters. The food and hospitality are on point, too, with guesthouses providing a truly cozy place to crash just outside of downtown Victoria.

★ Beverly’s at the Coeur d’Alene Resort
Savvy sommeliers manage a massive wine list at Beverly’s, a seventh-floor stunner overlooking the namesake lake in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. To complement old-world classics, the resort restaurant increasingly showcases Northwest wines, including trending Southern Idaho producers like Cinder Wines, Huston Vineyards and Split Rail Winery. There’s a free daily tour of the wine cellars here, too.

★ Doe Bay Cafe at the Doe Bay Resort and Retreat
Long a vegetarian bastion with a garden onsite, rustic-chic Doe Bay Cafe, on Washington’s Orcas Island, finally added local meats to its menu last year, meaning there’s even more variety to pair with delicious cocktails. Drinks are mostly originals, like spirit-forward Team Zissou – driven by calvados, rye and Bénédictine – plus less-common classics like the Martinez, a Manhattan relative.

★ The Wickaninnish Inn
Make a reservation for The Pointe Restaurant or walk into the On the Rocks bar at this gorgeous inn in Tofino, British Columbia, and you’ll find seafood fresh from the waters visible below and an amazing assortment of beverages. The restaurant’s award-winning wine list brims with Canadian gems, and the signature cocktails more than hold their own. Every seat in the house has a view of the wild waters that made this location the destination for storm watching.

★ Meridian Restaurant and Bar at Headlands Coastal Lodge and Spa
Stylish, casual and directly on the beach in coastal Pacific City, Oregon, Headlands’ Meridian Restaurant and Bar is dedicated to the beverage bounty of the Northwest. All the well-chosen beers, ciders and wines by the glass are from Oregon and Washington, and virtually all the cocktails’ base spirits, from Idaho’s 44 North vodka to Oregon’s Aviation gin, are also from the area.

★ The Resort at Paws Up
This extravagant, 37,000-acre ranch in Greenough, Montana, on the Blackfoot River offers luxury homes, adventures like horseback riding under the Big Sky and even safari tents and camping butlers. With the exception of the wide-ranging wine list, the restaurants – fine-dining Pomp and the more casual Trough – and Tank bar source nearly everything locally, including a slew of Missoula beers and thoughtful ingredients for cocktails.