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*NOTE: Pricing is listed as USD at the time of print and may vary between region where bottles are purchased and taxed. Bottle sizes correlate to the price listed, including draft-only offerings.*

**W**illiam Shakespeare, Gandhi, Muhammad Ali and Jay Z have each rhapsodized about greatness: the achievement is illustrious, reputable above the rest, roaring prowess and trumpeting mastery.

For *Sip Northwest's* fifth annual Best of the Northwest competition, we opened the gates for submissions, requesting the latest and greatest from

producers around the Pacific Northwest, from the big skies of Montana to the red slopes of the Willamette Valley and the isles in the coastline of British Columbia.

And the submissions flooded in: 524 wines, 282 beers, 151 spirits and 139 ciders were sampled blind and judged by over five dozen leading beverage experts, from master sommeliers and cicerones to certified spirit judges and cider

buyers, who determined the top three in each respective beverage category. The tastings led to an all-inclusive, encyclopedic catalog of winners that now have a proven track record of greatness and are splayed out on the following pages, with tasting notes, price tags and more.

We encourage you to sip along and be the judge yourself. Cheers to the 2016 Best of the Northwest!





# BEST OF TRAVEL

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## OREGON

### THE DESTINATION ► Brasada Ranch

LOCATION ► Powell Butte

THE ALLURE ► If all cowboys had views like this, it's no wonder they didn't want to come in off the range. Perched on the flanks of Powell Buttes, the 1,800-acre resort overlooks one of the most stunning vistas in Oregon, the snowcapped peaks of the Three Sisters mountains, rising out of a great expanse of sage-scented desert and signaling the start of the Cascade Range. You can enjoy the spectacular terrain from Brasada's tennis courts or their world-class golf course.



its multi-course country breakfast, a traditional offering the restaurant updated and still plates today.

**FINE PRINT** » Nearly all of the 84 guestrooms stack along the hillside of the ridge and face the surging waters, with the lodge, prized spa and heralded restaurants hemming the housing quarters. The rooms are designed to direct eyes to the outside scenery, with either a balcony, patio or window seat in each, while furnishings inside — like wood-burning fireplaces, two-person jetted tubs, featherbeds and native carved art pieces — typify the reflective Pacific Northwest atmosphere. The two onsite restaurants also provide an

is drizzled from high above the plate. A loaded wine list is accessible during all service hours, predominantly composed of Washington producers.

**SIP TIPS** » Lay in the lap of luxury with the guidance of a Salish Lodge masseuse at the award-winning spa that is newly sporting the British Columbia-based Éminence Organic Skin Care for a plethora of treatments as well as the sought-after Beardbrand line of facial hair-friendly products made in Spokane, Washington. The spa is also renowned for its “Yoga by the Falls” daily program taught by heralded local yogi John Jessum. Once the tension and toxins have been released, maybe add a few more back in with a drink in

**THE DESTINATION**

» **Salish Lodge & Spa**

**LOCATION** » Snoqualmie

**THE ALLURE** » As if a gushing 268-foot waterfall at the gateway of the Cascade Mountains wasn't enticing enough, the Salish Lodge & Spa is also applauded for its rustic lodging, seasonal Northwest cuisine and wildlife locale most recognizable courtesy of the 1990 small-screen cult favorite “Twin Peaks.” Roosted above the Snoqualmie Falls, a



tourist attraction that brings in 1.5 million visitors annually, the lodge boasts the closest proximity to the natural wonder and ties that essence into much of its role as a landmark West Coast travel destination. The distinctive estate is steeped in local history: under the tag of the Snoqualmie Falls Lodge, the then eight-room inn was built in 1916 and was best known for

element of quintessential local life. The Dining Room emphasizes a grill focus (with rotating meats and seafood to fire from local purveyors) for the simple, yet ingredient-driven dinner menu. The three-course (and then some) iconic country breakfast will feed all day long for \$37, and includes the “Honey from Heaven” service where estate apiary-harvested honey

The Attic lounge or by attending a Culinary Adventure at the Chef’s Studio. The subterranean space (kitted with fall views, of course) hosts monthly classes and “culinary happy hours” where the lodge’s culinary team leads hands-on cooking and how-to’s for intimate groups.

- » 6501 Railroad Ave., Snoqualmie
- » [salishlodge.com](http://salishlodge.com)