

The Cave B Inn at SageCliffe features elegant comfort and dramatic views of estate vineyards and the mighty Columbia River.



COURTESY CAVE B INN AT SAGECLIFFE

he's set up folding chairs and a table in a shallow spot in the middle of the river, creating novel and truly alfresco dining.

After Dave drops us off back at the lodge, I get to experience river rocks in a different way, at the spa, where a therapist's sweeping strokes with warm stones soothe my fatigued muscles. The spa experience is so wonderful, I decide to also enjoy the spa amenity in our room. As I open our French doors to get the full effect of water roaring over the falls, Michael fills the two-person Sanijet Pipeless Whirlpool Spa Bath, which is designed to be especially hygienic.

Michael thinks the tub's best feature, however, is the control panel. There are buttons to push for targeted water massage; for linear, random or aerobic pulsing; and for color-changing chromotherapy lights.

Salish spent \$650,000 this year to become the first hotel in the world to provide the special tub in every room. That kind of attention to detail has led to the lodge's multiyear presence on the *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* lists of the world's best places to stay. Now it's on my list, too. Winter room rates start at \$250. —Michele Andrus Dill



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**Delicate merlot-vine tendrils** cling to the arbor that shades Anne and me from the Central Washington sun. Before us is the kind of view you want to step right into, to experience the pure sun, the soft wind, the intense quiet, the sharp desert fragrance and the grandness of the ages.

Outside the Merlot "cliffhouse" at the Cave B Inn at SageCliffe—Washington's

first destination wine resort—we're sitting on the dramatic seam between more than 15 million years of geologic history and a verdant corduroy patchwork that represents this region's budding future.

Tucked into the jagged folds of this vast, dry landscape of basalt cliffs and sagebrush are the 120 acres of the Cave B Estate Winery vineyards and the unique lava-stone structures of the inn. The winery itself is dug into the hillside, above the distinctive arching shapes of the spa, the main lodge,