

Northwest

## palate

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## pick of the palate

*Our choice of an intriguing wine you should know about*

**Few Northwest winemakers** have as spectacular a vineyard view as Alfredo "Freddy" Arredondo at Cave B Winery. His vines weave around the sheer rock slopes of the Cave B Inn at SageCliffe, with the vastness of the mighty Columbia River looming in the distance. While not located in one of the trendy Washington wine appellations, Cave B's vines benefit from the same hot and dry mesoclimate that makes the Columbia Valley such a desirable winegrowing region.

Though he's only been in charge of Cave B's winemaking for two vintages, Arredondo's most recent releases are showing an impressive increase in character. His off-dry Riesling from estate vines is a perfect example. It has bold aromas of pure Riesling fruit, and flavors that are almost as sweeping on the tongue as the vines' vast views of the Columbia River. Everything is beautifully balanced in this wine: the fruit and the acid are harmonious and delightful, and the texture and verve are delightful.

Washington's early wine reputation was built on Riesling, and it is the most prolifically grown grape in the state. Arredondo's take on the variety explains the grape's appeal: this is what Washington Riesling is all about!



 **Cave B Winery WA**  
2008 Riesling, Cave B Vineyards,  
Columbia Valley—\$18



Cave B Winery at SageCliffe.

—Cole Danehower