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Tasting Rooms for Dudes

These Walla Walla, Washington, tasting rooms trade flowers and folksiness for giant TVs and turntables, creating the ultimate wine-guy hangouts.

Charles Smith Wines The motorcycle-riding, rock-and-roll winemaker Charles Smith converted an old garage into his new tasting room. By day, visitors sample wines, but at night, the space fills with DJs, burlesque shows and rockabilly concerts. *Tastings daily. 35 S. Spokane St.; 509-526-5230 or charlessmithwines.com. —Megan Krigbaum*

TWO BRAWNY BOTTLES TO TRY



2009 Charles Smith Wines The Velvet Devil Merlot (\$12) Plush and chocolaty, Charles Smith's Merlot is made with a blend of grapes from Washington's Yakima Valley and Wahluke Slope areas. Samples of his higher-end K Vintners bottlings are also available in his tasting room.

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THE BAY
oysters, lobsters, corn salad