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Chuck Reininger, Reininger Winery

Meet Chuck Reininger, passionate winemaker and passionate outdoorsman. Born and raised in Bellevue, Wash., Reininger calls

the Walla Walla Valley home mainly due to his love of the outdoors, the region's spectacular geography and rich history. The former mountain climbing guide says all of this passion is reflected in his wine. Hence, nearly every vintage of [Reininger Winery](#) has been made solely from Walla Walla Valley fruit.

"I am proud of the Valley. I am proud of the Northwest," says Reininger. His adoration for the area is seen not only in his wine, but also in the winery's tasting room. Basalt columns from a local farm, created by the great flood thousands of years ago, serve as the wine pouring counter top...



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Walla Walla Guitar Festival

Love the Blues? The Northwest's hottest blues bands burn down the house at the inaugural [Walla Walla Guitar Festival](#) on **Saturday, March 17.**

Twelve bands, twelve hours of non-stop music at five intimate venues, all within walking distance in historic Downtown Walla Walla. Start your music weekend with the "Kick-off Party" Friday night at Sapolil Cellars with good eats and drinks and huge music. Jimmy Lloyd Rea & the Switchmasters, The Randy Oxford Band, Gary Winston and the Real Deal, and the Coyote Kings are just a few of the featured bands performing during the Fest. Special Guitar Festival lodging packages are available, as are a limited number of concert tickets, so don't wait and book your getaway today.

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We don't take the off-season *off* in the Walla Walla Valley! Winter is a perfect time to soak in all of the region's attractions. Enjoy the Valley in a way you've never experienced before by exploring the [Experience Walla Walla](#) Facebook page for your chance to win fabulous lodging packages and to find out about seasonal events including *February for Foodies*, the *Peter Frampton* concert, *Adult Spring Break*, *Guitar Fest* and other surprises. Visiting the valley in winter allows you greater access to all the area's wine, culinary, historic and cultural offerings at a more relaxed, leisurely pace. Avoid the crowds and truly savor the Walla Walla Valley this February and March.

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