



Araxi Longtable Pemberton

Magic mountains.

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James Walt stands in the middle of the lush [North Arm Farm](#), pointing this way and that. It's early September, and Walt, who lives just down the road, is using the farm's massive bounty to create a meal for over 270 people. This is as farm-to-table as it gets, staring at a patch of crops and then seeing the harvest freshly prepared on the plate. "This is the real thing," says Walt, executive chef of [Whistler's](#) lauded [Araxi](#) restaurant, which hosted the longtable dinner. "We're having raspberry on a tart, that's right here. We're having the corn, that's over there ... They just brought up potatoes, so we're doing that; yellow carrots are down that way. It's pretty cool. Farm-to-table, for real." Araxi organized two of these outdoor longtable dinners this summer; the first one was in [Vancouver](#), with the second at this idyllic 60-acre organic and family-owned farm in Pemberton. It is pure magic to be surrounded by mountains, sitting at one long table with like-minded eaters and drinkers, all gathered to celebrate [British Columbia's](#) produce and beauty. It's almost painful to leave such a setting, so consider making a weekend of it, staying the night at [Nita Lake Lodge](#) in Whistler's Creekside. If the lake views from the spa hot tubs don't inspire, brunch at Aura the next morning surely will. And when it is finally time to head home to the city, if a city is indeed home, worry not: the sweet moments from the Araxi Longtable have staying power. When in doubt, all you have to do is look north.