


 Rustico's  
braised-brisket  
cheesesteak

# Best Bites

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## Straight Outta Philly

Washington doesn't have a sandwich to call its own, so some area chefs are looking to a neighbor: Philadelphia. The cheesesteak, with its famous—if downscale—mix of sliced beef and Cheez Whiz (“wit” onions is a personal decision) has inspired Washington versions at everything from neighborhood hangouts to a top-dollar steakhouse.

**RUSTICO** (827 Slaters Ln., Alexandria, 703-224-5051; 4075 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, 571-384-1820). Chef Steve Mannino's menu skews toward what goes best with beer, so it's no surprise there's a cheesesteak. Braised brisket is tossed with balsamic onions, topped with jalapeño-cheddar béchamel, and stuffed into an Italian sub roll.