

ARROYO VINO

Sunday Dinner and a Movie “Forest Gump”

Serves Two, Includes Wine
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Order Today;
Pick-up

Saturday, November 21st
505-983-2100

please inform us of any allergies or dietary restrictions

Sautee-at-Home Shrimp “Scampi”
garlic butter, parsley, white wine

½ Baguette

Heat-at-Home Braised Lamb Shank
roasted root vegetables, red wine jus

Bake-at-Home Blueberry Crisp
oat maple walnut crumble

Stoller Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2018

This has been a year of unknown; this week is no different. Going into it we thought we'd be seeing your lovely faces in our dining room and taking a week off from our Dinner-and-a-Movie to better prepare for our Turkey-To-Go fest. Surprise! Turns out we'll be gazing through car windows and doling out robust quantities of Forest Gump movie dinners. This wine is also a surprise; so full of freshness and joy that one can almost forget the storm raging outside our windows. Soft and supple notes of dark cherries and earth conjure the lush, fairy-ridden forests of the Pacific North West. This wine is as tantalizingly lovely as Forest Gump is feel-good. So dial up an order, turn on the oven, pop the cork, and get ready to drift off into the hazy past of our tumultuous history.

Movie available to stream on multiple platforms

Synopsis provided by James Selby, former professional actor, lifelong movie buff, wine rep extraordinaire, and all-around super star human.

Born in rural Alabama, Forrest Gump, a disabled boy raised by a single mother, is the kind of kid who gets picked on. His IQ is 75, but he is earnest and good-natured and he listens to his mama (Sally Fields) who guides him to make the best of his abilities. And, it's those abilities that make Forrest Gump the triumphant, if accidental, full-fledged American hero, an idiot-savant who touches something deeply in us all. This uplifting saga is directed by Robert Zemeckis (*Back to the Future*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*) and I'd wager at some point he told Tom Hanks, our generation's Jimmy Stewart, "You are the only actor in Hollywood that can play this part?" If so, luckily for us, Hanks listened, giving us a touching, imaginatively childlike performance.

The movie, a series of vignettes structured as Gump's autobiography, ingeniously takes us on a tour of American history during the latter half of the twentieth century. Young Gump discovers he can run like the wind and gets a football scholarship to play at the University of Alabama with Bear Bryant. From football hero, the charmed Forrest Gump wins a Medal of Honor for heroism, meets three presidents, teaches Elvis how to swivel his hips, becomes a Ping-Pong champion, and a stockholder in a "fruit company" called Apple Computer.

Hanks isn't acting with actors cast in the roles of John Kennedy, Dick Cavett, John Lennon, or Abby Hoffman, we see Gump infused within archival footage through remarkable, for when this film was made, visual effects placing Gump standing with seminal figures of the times. You'll do a double-take watching Gump at the White House ask John Kennedy where the...john...is because he's had too much Dr. Pepper.

There's awe in witnessing Forrest in iconic moments, but there's more to be enjoyed in the relationships he forms. After college, Forrest enlists in the Army and is sent to Vietnam, where he befriends shrimp boater Benjamin "Bubba" Buford (Mykelti Williamson), saves the lives of wounded mates, including Dan Taylor (Gary Sinise, in an assured, dark, humanistic performance). And, then there's Jenny (Robin Wright) the beautiful - elusive - love of his life.

We have a tale of innocence jousting with the upheavals of the times. If Forrest be a fool, he's a wise one, armed in honesty and guilelessness. Through his eyes, we see the worst of times with fortitude and equanimity.

Footlights:

Jenny kiss'd me when we met, jumping from the chair she sat in;
Time, you thief, who love to get sweets into your list, put that in!
Say I'm weary, say I'm sad, say that health and wealth have miss'd
me,
Say I'm growing old, but add,
Jenny kiss'd me. -*Leigh Hunt*