

ARROYO VINO

RESTAURANT AND WINE SHOP

Sunday Dinner and a Movie “Seabiscuit”

Serves Two, Includes Wine
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Saturday, May 1st
505-983-2100

please inform us of any allergies or dietary restrictions

Southern Style Pimento Cheese
roasted red peppers, crudité vegetables

Heat-at-Home Smoked Baby Back Ribs
chipotle bourbon glaze, haricot verts, sugar snap peas

Heat-at-Home Spice Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Bake-at-Home Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp
oat pecan crumble

Mix-at-Home Mint Juleps
bourbon, mint, powdered sugar

Stoller Family Pinot Noir Willamette Valley 2018

Lacking significant access to wine from Kentucky, we figured we'd keep it domestic. Pinot and pork is a thing for sure, and though it may not jump to one's mind as a companion to smoked ribs we think that this Stoller Family gem has just the right stuff to balance the savory glory that are Chef's ribs. The classic Willamette depth is present, as are notes of dark cherries and earth; the wine is balanced and smooth on the palate. There is almost always a supply of Stoller on the AV shelves, which is a sure sign that it's got us under its spell. Plus, what better way to while away your evening than by washing your mint julep down with a bottle of Oregon Pinot in between bites of finger lickin' good ribs!

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.

Seabiscuit

It isn't easy to find a recipe for sea biscuits, the hardtack, tough, enduring cracker of bygone sailors. But director Gary Ross (*Ocean's 8*, *The Hunger Games*) has found his recipe for a runaway hit in the 2003 movie *Seabiscuit* about the little horse that could, based on the Laura Hillenbrand nonfiction biography “Seabiscuit: An American Legend.” This cheering story features real-life heroes - four and two footed: Jeff Bridges as Charles Howard, an eccentric car dealer turned racehorse owner, the inimitable Chris Cooper playing the trainer Tom Smith, jockey John “Red” Pollard played by Tobey Maguire, and the horse he rode in on, Seabiscuit, an overlooked, undersized thoroughbred with an inauspicious track record that became an unlikely champion and symbol of hope during the Great Depression. His popularity surpassed that of Franklin Roosevelt and Clark Gable.

The beautiful cinematography sums up the era with aplomb and gives us nail biting racing better than any seen before, particularly, as we wait for the duel between the unbeatable East Coast darling, Triple Crown winning, War Admiral, and the underdog and pony from California. Horse, rider, owner and trainer each battle adversities that seem insurmountable, but mount they do in a near mythological tale of transformational redemption. Seabiscuit, a grandson of Man of War, enjoys sleeping and eating, like an equine Ferdinand the Bull, who'd rather smell flowers than fight matadors. But he catches the eye and imagination of Howard and Smith. Red Pollard battles through bone breaking injuries, Howard suffers a heartbreaking tragedy, and Smith is old and a little worn out. When the trumpet sounds, they summon up the blood.

Also ran are a classy cast of supporting players. William H. Macy steals scenes from himself as “Tick Tock” McLaughlin, the gimmicky, fast talking radio sports commentator. Elizabeth Banks (*Pitch Perfect*; director/star of *the 2019 Charlie's Angels*) as Marcela Zabala Howard, and Eddie Jones as Samuel Doyle Riddle, owner of War Admiral. What a pleasure to listen to David McCullough, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author (“Truman” “John Adams”), recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, lend his comforting voice in narration.

Footlights: Eddie Jones is one of those “I've seen him in something before” actors. You have. From the first “Nut & Honey” commercial to 50 plus films and television series playing Cop #3, a dad, or a bartender. I saw him, eight times a week as Willy Loman in “Death of a Salesman” in an upstate NY theater. I've shared the stage with some greats. Across the board, Eddie Jones is among them.