

# ARROYO VINO

## Sunday Dinner and a Movie “Goodfellas”

Serves Two, Includes Wine  
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Order Today;  
Pick-up  
Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
505-983-2100

*please inform us of any allergies or dietary restrictions*

### **Burrata Cheese**

marinated roasted peppers, prosciutto di san danielle

### **Bake-At-Home ½ Baguette**

### **Garden Kale & White Bean Minestrone**

parmesan broth, rosemary

### **Bake-At-Home Ziti**

house made fennel sausage, broccoli rabe,  
ricotta, provolone

### **Classic Tiramisu**

mascarpone, espresso soaked lady fingers, cocoa powder

### **Malvira Nebbiolo Roero Italy 2016**

Okay, okay, we know this weeks a bit of a gimme – one of the all time classic gangster movies paired with some of the most classic Italian American dishes and an iconic Italian grape – but hey, sometimes it’s good to fall back on the classics. Just like Liotta and Pesci, this wine’s got grip and a whole lotta attention grabbing presence. Nebbiolo is a grape that can wear a lot of different hats, ranging from the ethereal to face smashingly robust; this particular wine falls somewhere in between. Dark, earthen notes of cherry and wet tarmac are buoyed by whiffs of violets and roses under it all is a steely spine of dusty tannins that, like an aging mafioso, controls the scene with effortless class and just the right amount of ruthlessness.

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.

*"Goodfellas" is breathless and brilliant and the most evilly entertaining movie yet made about organized crime."*

Vincent Canby, NY Times

The film is based on the bestselling book by Nicholas Pileggi, “Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family,” as told to him by Henry Hill, who entered the witness protection program after testifying against the Luchese crime mob. Martin Scorsese, an asthmatic kid, and the real Henry Hill, whose mother was Sicilian and father Irish, grew up in Italian neighborhoods in New York both outsiders observing the swagger on the streets. Hill’s ambition was to become a Mafioso; Scorsese’s to make films. These two dreams intersect in “Goodfellas”. Rather than a romantic view of the underworld, we have a fable of gods and fall guys. We meet the gang: Paulie (Paul Sorvino), Jimmy (Robert De Niro) and Tommy (Joe Pesci), a memorable Scorsese ensemble. You’ll see future stars, many later appear in “The Sopranos,” like Michael Imperioli, Tony Sirico, and Lorraine Bracco who breakouts in this role.

Narrated by Henry (Ray Liotta) and by Karen (Bracco) the girl who marries him, the tone is matter of fact, but the facts of the matters are eerily chilling and sometimes comical. When Karen begins to date Henry she sees a life that’s exciting, not know what Henry does. She finds out. Introduced into mob society, Karen says, "Almost all the men were named Peter or Paul and all the wives Marie."

As a teen, Henry begins running errands and parking cars for members of the mob’s storefront clubhouse. Paulie functions as his surrogate father; Jimmy and Tommy like brothers. Because Henry isn’t pure blooded Italian, he could never be a "made man". But he’s a partner to every scam, theft and assassination, including the Lufthansa heist at Kennedy Airport in 1978, the largest cash robbery in America at the time. The gang got giddy and it led to a chain of rub-outs and the end of loyalty.

The ordinariness of the violence is terrifying, particularly, in contrast to family domesticity as when the gang is cooking together and Paulie meticulously shaves thin slices of garlic with a razor blade for their tomato sauce. If you’re looking for moral redemption, you won’t find it. In his new home, somewhere in a rising suburbia, Henry’s only regret is invisibility. No mistaking this is a Scorsese film and a masterful work.

Footlights: Once, escorting a young woman to her apartment building in Little Italy down the block from Umberto’s Clam House where Joey Gallo bought the farm, I was shocked the door to her walkup was unlocked. “It’s owned by the Mafia, she said, “safest place in town.”