

CHEF RICK BAYLESS

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La Vista is a stunning, transformable space for all events from family style dinners, food cart receptions, brunch buffets, and tasting menus.

Experience vibrant Mexican cuisine perfected by the Frontera Grill and Topolobampo culinary team for over 37 years. Taste dishes from different regions of Mexico featuring the highest quality ingredients, including some grown right on our rooftop and the Bayless home garden. Enjoy exclusive mezcales, craft cocktails, and sommelier curated pairings from our award-winning wine list.

Capacity: 50 Guests

Food & Beverage Minimum: \$2,500

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Contact Jane at jtrychta@fronteragrill.net to plan your next event!





# **FOOD CARTS**

Guacamole & Ceviche Cart, Taco & Tortillera Cart, Dessert

2-hour package, \$90 per person +\$50 per hour for on-site tortilla maker

For passed appetizers and oysters, see page 7.

#### **GUACAMOLE BAR**

Perfectly ripe mashed Michoacan avocados for each guest to customize to their taste. *Choose five toppings:* 

Tomatoes Grilled Onions Queso Fresco Chapulines

Poblanos Seasonal Fruit Smoky Bacon King Crab (additional \$5per person)

# **CEVICHE**

Choose one:

Classic Frontera Ceviche Pacific albacore, lime, tomatoes, olives, cilantro, green chile

**Aguachile de Salmon** Faroe Island Salmon, spicy-limey-herby "broth," avocado, cucumber, jicama, serranos, onion & cilantro

**Spicy Seafood-Mango Coctel** Poached Florida pink shrimp, Hudson Valley sea scallops & calamari, mango-habanero salsa, jícama, avocado, lime

#### TACO CART

Made-to-order heirloom corn tortillas, served with onions, cilantro, and salsa bar.

Choose four:

Mushroom and Potato Grilled maitake mushrooms, creamy poblano rajas, roasted potato

Camarones a la Mexicana Pan-seared Florida pink shrimp, pico de gallo

Chicken Tinga Grilled Amish chicken, smokey tomato salsa, avocado

Carne Asada Grilled Creekstone skirt steak, black beans

Suadero Street-style slow cooked beef

Barbacoa Slow-cooked red-chile braised Kilgrus goat

**Carnitas** Crispy Gunthrop Farms pork shoulder

### **HOUSEMADE DESSERTS**

Choose two:

Xoco's Famous Churros Chocolate-Avocado Mousse in Crispy Cones Frontera Chocolate Pecan Pie Bars



# FRONTERA FAMILY STYLE DINNER

A parade of food featuring all of the Frontera favorites!

\$125 per person, includes chef's choice of housemade dessert.

### **APPETIZERS** Choose two:

Frontera Salad Little gem salad, grilled garlic-chive dressing (green chile, lime), Jack cheese, buttery black pepper croutons

Seasonal Salad Chef's Preparation

Classic Frontera Ceviche Pacific albacore, lime, tomatoes, olives, cilantro, green chile

Ceviche Trio Classic Frontera Ceviche, Aguachile de Salmon, Spicy Seafood-Mango Coctel (additional \$5 per person)

Tamales de Elote Sweet corn tamales, roasted poblano rajas, homemade crema & fresco cheese

Mexico City-Style Quesadilla Crispy corn masa turnovers filled with artisan Jack cheese & epazote, avocado-tomatillo salsa

**Smoked Chicken Taquito** Crispy smoked chicken taquitos, black beans, classic guacamole, homemade crema, roasted tomatillo salsa, fresco cheese

**Enchiladas Norteñas** Heirloom corn tortillas, braised Creekstone Farms beef short rib, roasted tomato-serrano sauce, Samuel's artisan cheese, black beans

### **ENTREES** Choose three:

**Puebla-Style Enchiladas** Handmade corn tortillas, Amish country chicken (caramelized onions), homemade mole poblano (27 ingredients), crunchy garnishes

Enchiladas al Guajillo Braised Nichols Farm greens (black beans, spigarello & kale), local lions mane mushrooms, guajillo chile sauce (grilled onions, roasted garlic, spices), crispy onions, añejo cheese

**Camarones Con Esquites** Red chile-marinated grilled Florida pink shrimp, brothy Three Sisters Farm corn esquites (lime juice, epazote, butter, cob stock), Chef Richard's special mayo, añejo cheese

Pez Espada, Salsa del Techo Grilled Gulf coast swordfish, warm salsa of rooftop tomatoes, local peaches, habanero, mint & lime, green herb rice

**Pollo en Crema de Flores** Wood-grilled Amish-country chicken breast, squash blossom crema (güero chiles, garlic), huitlacoche (corn mushroom) tamal, roasted poblanos, rooftop pak choy

Carnitas de Pato Crispy duck carnitas, guacamole, verduras en escabeche (pickly manzano & jalapeño chiles, white onion, Napa cabbage), black beans, roasted tomatillo salsa

**Cochinita Pibil** Slow-cooked Gunthorp Farm suckling pig (marinated in achiote, wrapped in banana leaves), rich pan juices, beans, green chile rajas, pickled red onions, roasted habanero salsas

Chamorro de Borrego, Chile Pasilla Braised MoMi farm lamb shank, black garlic-pasilla chile sauce (black pepper, cumin) queso añejo mashed potatoes, crispy onions (additional \$15 per person)

**Oaxacan Carne Asada** Red chile-marinated Creekstone Natural Black Angus Prime rib steak, black beans, plantains with homemade crema and cheese, guacamole (additional \$15 per person)



# TOPOLO TASTING MENU

6-course tasting menu. The Chef will tell the story behind the menu and explain each dish and what inspired it.

\$350 per person

For information on wine and agave pairings, see page 10.

The menu changes every eight weeks and features seasonal ingredients, very similar to our Topolobampo menu.

Below is an example of a recent menu with wine pairings:



THE SOUL OF MICHOACÁN

# CAMARÓN, SABOR A SOPA TARASCA

Grilled jumbo blue prawn, classic sopa tarasca flavors (ancho chile, bayo beans, roasted tomato, avocado, toasted tortilla, epazote).

#### **UCHEPO GRATINADO**

Sweet corn tamal, güero chile cream, two cheeses (dry Jack, Samuel's artisan Jack), roasted chayote, shaved truffle.

#### TRUCHA, PIPIÁN VERDE

Riverance trout roulade, green pipián (tomatillo, poblano, almond, pinenut, sorrel, mint, hoja santa), sauteed watercress, buttery parsnip, Bayless garden herbs.

#### PATO, CARNITAS, MOLE MICHOACANO

Rohan duck two ways (roasted breast, carnitas), bright, rich Michoacan mole, roasted honey nut squash.

#### CHONGOS, NIEVE DE CREMA SECA

Homemade Michoacan-style chongos (fresh curd in sweet whey), clotted cream sorbet, brioche croutons, buttery pastry leaves.

#### PASTEL DE ATOLE NEGRO

Black atole pudding cake, calabaza en tacha (red kuri squash cooked in raw sugar), cajeta caramel semifreddo, house-ground chocolate, cocoa tuile.

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2020 DOMAINE ALBERT BOXLER EDELZWICKER RÉSERVE ALSACE, FRANCE

> 2022 MARGINS WINE NEUTRAL OAK HOTEL, RED BLEND CALIFORNIA

2015 CA' DEL MONTE, AMARONE DELLA VALPOLICELLA CLASSICO, VENETO, ITALY

C. DA SILVA, DALVA

10-YR. TAWNY PORT

DOURO VALLEY,

PORTUGAL

2017 OLIVARES DULCE MONASTRELL JUMILLA, SPAIN



# RECEPTIONS

# OYSTERS SHUCKED TO ORDER

Served with tomatillo-habanero "miñoneta" & smoky chipotle-garlic salsa \$5 per person +\$75 per hour shucking fee

# PASSED APPETIZERS

\$20 per person. Choose three:

### Nopales Gem Lettuce Cup

Cactus salad, salsa Mexicana, queso fresco

### Chicken Gem Lettuce Cup

Amish grilled chicken breast, spicy chipotle crema, grilled squash

### Sopecito Ranchero

Crispy corn masa boat, braised beef, roasted tomato-serrano salsa, avocado, queso fresco

### Sopecito de Plátano

Crispy corn masa boat, black bean & plantain filling, crema, fresco cheese

### **Smoked Chicken Taquito**

Crispy smoked chicken, black beans, homemade crema, roasted tomatillo salsa, queso fresco

#### Mexico City-Style Quesadilla

Crispy corn masa turnovers, artisan Jack cheese, epazote, avocado-tomatillo salsa

#### Tlayudita del Dia

Rustic Oaxacan tostadas, Chef's choice of toppings

#### Market Fruit Skewer

Cucumber, jícama, pineapple with Tajín



# **BRUNCH**

2-hour brunch buffet served from our food carts featuring classic Mexican breakfast dishes, coffee, tea, and juice.

\$90 per person, includes the following:

# **ENTREES**

#### Huevos a la Mexicana

Eggs scrambled with fresh tomatoes, serranos, grilled green onions, cilantro & avocado

#### Bajío-Style Eggs

Poached eggs in crispy masa boats, black beans, creamy chile poblano sauce, pea shoots & homemade chorizo

#### Frontera Hot Cakes

Homemade corn pancakes, whipped goat cheese, pecans, maple syrup

# **SIDES**

**Assorted Pastries** 

Red Chile-Glazed Bacon

Handmade Heirloom Corn Tortilla

**Traditional Black Beans** 

Seasonal Fruit

### **BEVERAGES**

Other beverages can be available and charged on consumption.

Dark Matter Coffee From Chiapas, Mexico

Rare Tea Cellars Tea

Orange Juice



# BEVERAGES



# **PAIRINGS**

FRONTERA FAMILY STYLE DINNER PAIRINGS

Starting at \$65 per person

Sommelier selected wine pairings based on your menu. Price may be adjusted if additional menu items are chosen and how the chef courses them.

# TOPOLO TASTING MENU PAIRINGS

\$95 per person, choice of:

# WINE

Pairings selected by our award-winning wine director Jill Gubesch. She's passionate about wines from all over the world including Mexico's "Napa Valley," the spectacular Valle de Guadalupe.

# **AGAVE**

Mezcal, tequila & sotol offer a dazzling variety of flavors to match our cuisine. Meticulously chosen by spirits director Julianna Arquilla, our agave pairing is deliciously eye-opening and one of the most unique experiences our city has to offer.

# PERFECT PAIR | WINE & AGAVE

Alternating courses, you have the opportunity to taste the pairing craftsmanship of both wine director Jill Gubesch and spirits director Julianna Arquilla.



# **BAR PACKAGES**

An extra hour can be requested for \$30 or \$35 per person or on consumption.

# FRONTERA PACKAGE

2-hours, \$65 per person, includes:

#### **COCKTAILS**

Frontera Margarita | Milagro blanco tequila, Combier orange liqueur, housemade limonada Limited Cocktails Made with Community Vodka, J Reiger Gin, and Wild Turkey Bourbon

BEER

Two Mexican Beers One Rotating Local Craft Beer WINE

House Red & White Wine

Enquire for upgrade options.

Housemade Agua Frescas

Mexican Sodas

# TOPOLO PACKAGE

2-hours, \$85 per person, includes all of the Frontera Package offerings, along with:

Topolo Margarita | Espolón reposado tequila, Royal Combier orange liqueur, housemade limonada

And your choice of one of the following:

# Mezcal Margarita

Wahaka joven mezcal, Grand Marnier, housemade limonada, Peychaud's bitters

# Strawberry Habanero Margarita

Real del Valle Blanco Tequila, Fruitful Strawberry, Fresh Lime Juice, Habanero

#### Paloma Oaxaqueña

Milagro blanco tequila, fresh grapefruit and lime juice, splash of Topo Chico

#### The Bucktown

Montelobos espadín mezcal, Abasolo whisky, Cocchi Vermouth di Torino, Angostura bitters





# **EXPERIENCES**

Enquire for pricing.

# Chef Rick Bayless Appearance

Options for meet and greets with Q&A, book signings, and food demonstrations.

# **Guided Tastings**

Our Sommelier or Spirits Director will lead an informative agave or wine tasting. Can be customized to your preferences or level of expertise.

# **Recipe Demonstrations**

Allow our chef to walk you through the art of guacamole, ceviche, or tortilla making. Enjoy the food you make as part of your meal!

# Rooftop Garden Tour

Our chef will give tour of our rooftop garden, where we grow ingredients used in our dishes. Maximum 6 guests at a time, subject to seasonality.

# **GIFTS**

Signed Cookbook \$35

Frontera Blend Coffee By Dark Matter \$15

Xoco Bean-to-Cup Hot Chocolate Mix \$9

Frontera T-Shirt \$30

