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One of the homiest places to stay in Forestville also has one of the region's best dining rooms. The Farmhouse Inn



& Restaurant (7871 River Road) offers picture-postcard lodging in the Russian River Valley, and is also

an ideal place for tourists to stay, because it's located right where Wohler Road hits River Road. The main lodge, which includes the restaurant, is in a renovated old farmhouse (hence the name) in a garden. The rooms are in charming bungalows right next door. Most of them have an in-room cedar sauna and Jacuzzi. Windows open to the dense redwood and fern forests that surround the property.

The Inn's restaurant is famous for its rabbit preparations, but anything from the chef's small, workaday kitchen is bound to be good. The menu changes daily, depending on what's fresh and in season. Don't miss maitre d' Joseph Bain's locally famous cheese cart, the perfect way to end a rich meal (and to finish off that bottle of wine). Bain, one of the friendliest hosts I've ever met, is also an expert on Burgundy and Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. He's a patient teacher and passionate guide.

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