



John Woo's
Red Cliff

Historical epic about a key third-century battle in which three massive armies clash over China's future.

Though John Woo "shows a new-found flair for subtle drama, his genius for action is as strong as ever. He brings this slice of history thundering into the present, and you'd be a fool to miss it." (Jennie Kermodé, *Eye For Film*)

"Woo is especially good on tactics — weather, supplies, disease, espionage and the art of tea-making all play their intricate part. In a fabulous scrap midway through, the heroes' army adopt the "Tortoise Formation", a trap so ingenious Stanley Kubrick and his Battenberg formations from *Spartacus* would have stood to applaud... the best thing John Woo has made in years." (*Empire*)

"In this 280-minute, two-part version...[Woo has] indeed crafted one of the great Chinese costume epics of all time." (*Variety*)

Red Cliff : Part I

Friday, 16 March 2018 at 8:00pm

John Woo | China 2009 | 146 min | Mandarin with English subtitles

During China's Han Dynasty, at the riverside redoubt of Red Cliff, a desperate union of rebellious kingdoms faces the might of the imperial army. Vastly outnumbered, they must use tactical genius to outwit their furious enemy.

Red Cliff : Part II

Friday, 23 March 2018 at 8:00pm

John Woo | China 2009 | 142 min | Mandarin with English subtitles

Buoyed up by a string of military victories, power-hungry prime minister Cao Cao (Fengyi Zhang) sets his sights on the lush, fragile kingdom of Wu. But he's reckoned without the strategic brilliance of Zhou Yu (Tony Leung) and Zhuge Liang (Takeshi Kaneshiro), who lure Cao Cao's army into a gorge, setting the scene for the decisive battle at Red Cliff on the Yangtze River.