



Rooms by Westin and food by Ken Frank
Credits: Westin Veras Napa

A deal from the Westin Veras Napa with cuisine by Chef Ken Frank

The Napa Valley is almost a second home for many Angelenos who flock there for wine tastings, the annual wine auction (<http://www.napavintners.com>) which is held every June, and well just to get away from it all in "God's country"--which it really feels like.

Besides the natural beauty of picturesque hillsides filled with verdant vines, the Napa Valley boasts a variety of wonderful places to stay from charming Bed & Breakfasts to boutique hotels and luxury resorts with spas. Nearly all offer that afternoon wine tasting that whets the taste buds for more.

Picking out a hotel from all the choices isn't easy, but one particular place stands out for two good reasons: they're offering a special deal and they just happen to house one of the finest restaurants in the area.

We're talking about the **Westin Veras Napa**, located on the bank of the Napa River and across the street from the Napa Valley Wine Train. It's also adjacent to the Oxbow Public Market; a short stroll from the heart of Napa's vibrant downtown retail and dining district; blocks from the famed Silverado Trail, and within walking distance of 13 of the Valley's tasting rooms.

The full-destination, 180 room property has a pool, spa, bocce ball, wine tasting, and two impressive Chef Ken Frank restaurant options: contemporary French cuisine served in the hotel's award-winning, Michelin-starred restaurant, La Toque, and more casual fare reflective of La Toque's menu in BANK Bar & Café. ,

Now here's the deal:

Guests of The Westin Verasa Napa can enjoy experience the rolling vineyards of Napa Valley's world-renowned wine region by train or hot air balloon with its Plains, Trains and Hot Air Balloons package. Guests who stay one night receive their choice of either tickets for two upon the Napa Valley Wine Train (www.winetrain.com) for the lunchtime Ambassador Tour, or a morning hot air balloon ride with Balloons Above the Valley (www.balloonrides.com). Guest who stay two nights receive two tickets for each excursion.

Rates start from \$379 per night and includes breakfast or Lunch in Bank Café (Breakfast if Wine Train is chosen, lunch if Hot Air Balloon Flight is chosen); two tickets for the Ambassador Tour on the Napa Valley Wine Train OR Hot Air Balloon flight with Balloons Above the Valley (each ticket valued at \$199).

The package is subject to availability and blackout dates may apply and will be offered through December 31st, 2011.

To make a reservation call 866-716-8126 and ask for promo code HBT. To book on line go to: www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/search/pre_decider_all.html?propertyID=1997&rateCode=WTHABP&language=en_US&IM=SOP_BOOK_NAD_WI_1997_WTHABP_WEST_Plains_Trains_Balloons