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**Regional French Dinners, Celebrating a Country Known for its Love Affair with Food, Continue Through December at BANK Café and Bar Inside The Westin Verasa, Napa**  
*\$29 Themed, Three-Course Dinners Are an Affordable Way to Sample World-Class Cuisine*

Napa, Calif. (October 29, 2009) – France is a country close to the heart of chef Ken Frank. As a teenager, he worked in a local restaurant in Yvoire, a 16<sup>th</sup> century village on the French side of Lake Geneva. Now, the man known as the French chef wrapped in a California body pays tribute to the country where he fell in love with food by continuing his regional dinners at BANK Café and Bar inside The Westin Verasa, Napa through November and December.

The Weekly Regional Dinners, on which diners embark on a culinary journey to the delicious and diverse specialties of various regions in France, enable guests to savor the cuisine of Frank, one of the most acclaimed chefs in America, for only \$29 per person.

- November 2 to 8, the Regional Dinner features a menu from Toulouse, a city in southwest France located on the banks of the River Garonne and known for its distinctive brick architecture. The three-course dinner will include Shaved Fennel and Artichoke Salad with Dungeness Crabmeat, Cassoulet de Toulouse with Duck, Pork and Lamb, and Fresh Fruit Sorbets.
- November 9 to 15, Frank will introduce specialties from the Gascony region of Southwestern France. Guests will be transported to this land of medieval towns and villages while dining upon Shaved Warm Vegetable Salad with Duck Confit and Pistachios, Pork Chop with “Pruneaux a L’Aigre Doux” and Potato Puree, and Roasted Pear for dessert.
- November 16 to 22, Frank honors the Brittany region, home to the Côte de Granit Rose (pink granite coast) and known for its Celtic heritage. The menu features Bisque de Homard, Roast Lamb Loin with Braised Cabbage, and Crème Brulée.
- November 23 to 29, selections from the Burgundy region appear on the menu: Escargots Bourguignonne, Coq au Vin, Nouilles Fraiches, and Profiteroles.
- November 30 to December 6, Antibes, a city on the Mediterranean Sea, is showcased, with diners enjoying Pissaladiere, Soupe De Poissons, and Ile Flottante.

- December 7 to 13, the cuisine, which pays tribute to Normandy, will feature Steamed Mussels Marinere, Blanquette de Veau, and Crepes with Roasted Apples and Crème Chantilly.
- December 14 to 20, Bank's Regional Dinners are inspired by Lyon, France. Salade Frisée with Lardons and Poached Farm Egg, Saucisson Lyonnais with Potato Puree, and Cinnamon Crème Brulée give diners a taste of what it's like to dine in a city with the reputation as the French capital of gastronomy.
- December 21 to 28, Frank celebrates the Basque region of France and Spain by offering Bilbao Style Seafood Stew, Braised Chicken with Tomatoes, Peppers and Beans, and Gateau Basque.

The Westin Verasa, Napa is located approximately two blocks west of Downtown Napa and is located near all of Napa Valley's attractions, including the wine train, wineries, and the Oxbow Public Market. For reservations at BANK Café and Bar, call 707-257-5151.

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