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Chef Ken Frank Announces Next Series of French Regional Dinners at BANK Café and Bar Inside The Westin Verasa, Napa

The \$29 Dinners Escort Guests on a Journey to Camargue, Le Midi, Normandy and More

Napa, Calif. (February 5, 2010) – It's not surprising that Chef Ken Frank, who has been called "a French chef wrapped in a California body," would do as much as possible to pay tribute to a country that is close to his heart. That's why Frank introduced weekly Regional Dinners at BANK Café and Bar inside [The Westin Verasa, Napa](#), enabling diners the opportunity to embark on a culinary journey to the delicious and diverse specialties of various regions in France. The dinners provide an opportunity to savor the cuisine of Frank, one of the most acclaimed chefs in America, for only \$29 per person. Frank has announced the regions and menus for the next series of dinners:

- February 22 to 28, the featured region is Camargue, located at the Southern end of the Rhone River. Camargue is named for its special native bred horses, the preferred ride of the "gardians", France's very own Cowboys. Diners will enjoy Marinated Fennel and Artichoke Salad, Navarin of Lamb and Apple Beignets.
- March 1 to 7, guests savor the tastes of Nord Pas-de-Calais, a region in the north of France from where Great Britain's White Cliff's of Dover can be seen on a clear day. The regional cuisine is heavily influenced by its Belgian neighbors. This week's menu features Endive and Ham Gratin, Poulet a la Bière, and Tarte au Rhubarbe.
- March 8 to 14, the Le Midi region in the South of France enters the culinary spotlight. Frank will honor Le Midi's culinary culture by preparing Baby Leeks Vinaigrette, a classic Cassoulet with Duck, Lamb and Pork, and Fresh Fruit Sorbets.
- March 15 - 21, diners will taste selections from Normandy, which hugs the English Channel in Northern France and has a rich history played out by a diverse group of people including Vikings, the Romans and troops seeking to defeat Nazi Germany during World War II. Frank pays tribute to this region by offering a menu of Mussels Marinière, Veal Marengo, and Apple Crepes.

- March 22 - 28, it's only fitting that Frank chooses selections that give guests a taste of a city that has the reputation as the French capital of gastronomy— Lyon, France. Guests will savor Salade Frisée with Lardons and Poached Farm Egg, Pistachio Studded Traditional Saucisson Lyonnais and Gateau Marjolaine.
- March 29 - April 4, The Regional Dinners return to Burgundy. The menu features some of the region's most famous dishes, Escargots Bourguignonne, Coq au Vin and Profiteroles with Warm Chocolate Sauce.

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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