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La Toque Inside The Westin Verasa, Napa Earns Prestigious Michelin Star
Chef Ken Frank's Personalized Style of French Cuisine Attracts the Attention of Michelin Inspectors

Napa, Calif. (October 20, 2009) – [La Toque](#), Ken Frank's award-winning restaurant at [The Westin Verasa, Napa](#), has once again earned one of the highest honors in the food industry—a prestigious Michelin Star.

"I am thrilled to get the Star back for our new home and proud of the great team who share my passion. Earning even one star is a huge accomplishment as Michelin Stars carry international prestige that is simply unmatched." Chef Frank announced.

La Toque was first awarded a Michelin Star for their previous Rutherford location in 2007 when Michelin introduced the Guide to the Bay Area. Last year La Toque was ineligible for a Star ranking and had to sit out a year on a technicality due to the timing of the move to their new location at The Westin Verasa, Napa.

Michelin employs full-time professional inspectors who visit restaurants and hotels anonymously, and evaluate them on a range of criteria. The evaluation process has been honed over time to identify consistently high-quality establishments to suit a range of budgets and across a range of styles and cuisines. If Michelin's inspectors are impressed by a restaurant, they visit the establishment numerous times. For restaurants, Michelin Stars are based on five criteria: 1) The quality of the products; 2) The mastery of flavor and cooking; 3) The "personality" of the cuisine; 4) The value for the money; and 5) The consistency between visits.

Named one of the "Best Restaurants in America" by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, La Toque features a warm and luxurious atmosphere highlighted by a show kitchen. La Toque is internationally recognized for its annual truffle menu, its award-winning wine cellar, and for Executive Chef and Owner Ken Frank's personalized style of cooking grounded in French cuisine.

La Toque is located inside The Westin Verasa, Napa, approximately two blocks west of Downtown Napa, and is conveniently located near all of Napa Valley's attractions, including the wine train, wineries and the Oxbow Public Market. For reservations at La Toque, please call 707-257-5157 or visit www.latoque.com.

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