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statuary and antique vanities. Carmel-by-the-Sea, 831-622-7621; jandeluz.com.

CENTRAL COAST

Curated by French-born Patrick Aumont, **Europa** specializes in 20th century European antiques and art with current standouts like a French Trumeau mirror and a '40s French parchment-clad secretaire. 2345 Lillie Ave., Summerland, 805-969-4989; europa.com.

LOS ANGELES

Bourgeois Bohème complements its French reproduction lighting and furniture with unexpected pieces like 19th century pharmacy bottles and vintage textile boxes. 330 N. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323-936-7507; bobointeriors.com.

Frequent buying expeditions to the French countryside keep **Dan Marty Design** stocked with vintage French linen trunks, metal-caged wine jugs and industrial furniture pieces. 8687 Melrose Ave., B380, West Hollywood, 310-652-6928; danmartydesign.com.

From limestone quarried within Provence's Cevennes Hills to antique fireplaces salvaged

from French estates, **Exquisite Surfaces**, with an L.A. flagship plus stores in S.F. and Laguna Niguel, has the finest French offerings of floorings, fountains and fireplaces. 289 N. Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310-659-4580; exquisite-surfaces.com.



Add the perfect cafe motif to any interior with handmade tiles from Provence and quaint bistro chairs in a rainbow of colors from **Maison-Midi**, which also carries Parisian-inspired glassware and table linens. 148 S. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323-935-3157; maison-midi.com.

Handcrafted French elegance is alive and well in the custom embroidery studio of **Michael Savola**, who creates all things couture from bed linens to valances. Villa Savoia, P.O. Box 100, West Hollywood, 310-860-8978; villasavoia.net.

Walter Lowrey's elegant shop **TableArt** houses an assemblage of tabletop perfection including two of his personal French favorites, Cambata dinnerware and flatware from Alain Saint-Joanis. 7977 Melrose Ave., L.A., 323-653-8278; tableartonline.com.

PASADENA

Produced in the French part of the Basque region, **Jean-Vier** linens have been available in the Pasadena outpost since 2008. 950 Mission St., Pasadena, 626-381-9800; jean-vier.com.

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DINING

NAPA

The French Laundry's casual sibling, **Bouchon** is treasured for its world-class wine list and simple, yet perfectly executed bistro classics (the crispy baguettes are from the bakery next door). 6534 Washington St., Yountville, 707-944-8037; bouchonbistro.com.

SAN FRANCISCO

In lieu of a trip to Paris, Bay Area gourmands head to Traci Des Jardins' **Jardinière** for big-occasion cuisine in one of S.F.'s most elegantly restored landmark buildings. 300 Grove St., S.F., 415-861-5555; jardiniere.com.

The only thing that rivals the Golden Gate-to-Alcatraz view at **La Terrasse** is chef Esquivel's delectable bistro-style cuisine. 215 Lincoln Blvd., S.F., 415-922-3463; laterrassepresidio.com.

BERKELEY

It may be celebrated as the birthplace of California cuisine, but **Chez Panisse** reflects proprietor Alice Waters' lifelong passion for all things French. 1517 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-548-5525; chezpanisse.com.

CENTRAL COAST

A slice of Paris in Santa Barbara, **Café Luck's** Niçoise-inspired menu and authentic French ambiance take center stage at this beloved neighborhood bistro. 18 E. Cota St., Santa Barbara, 805-962-5393; cafelucksb.com.

PASADENA

On a quiet, tree-lined street in San Marino, **Julienne** has been serving sophisticated Cal-French cuisine for more than 20 years. 2651 Mission St., San Marino, 626-441-2299; julienne.com.

LOS ANGELES

Alain Giraud's **Anisette Brasserie** charms as a quiet spot for an afternoon au lait and bustles at breakfast, lunch and dinner

with traditional French fare. 225 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 310-395-3200; anisettebrasserie.com.

It's hard to choose between **Café Stella's** steak au poivre and its còq au vin, but dining alfresco at this Silverlake stalwart is always a treat. 3932 W. Sunset Blvd., L.A., 323-666-0265.

Au courant Francophiles head to David Myers' **Comme Ça** in Los Angeles for authentic French classics executed as exquisitely as the star-studded dining room. 8479 Melrose Ave., L.A., 323-782-1104; commecarestaurant.com.



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CROISSANTS

For a taste of France at its finest, sample one of these authentically airy, crisp and buttery croissants from some of California's superlative patisseries.

1 La Boulange 2325 Pine St., S.F., 415-440-0356; laboulangebakery.com.

2 Renaud's Bakery 3315 State St., Santa Barbara, 805-569-2400; renaudsbakery.com.

3 La Brea Bakery 624 S. La Brea Ave., L.A., 323-939-6513; labreabakery.com.

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