French Menu/Foods Glossary

à l'ancienne	in the old style
à la vapeur	steamed
à l'etouffée	stewed
à point	medium rare
abats	organ meats
abricot	apricot
addition	bill
affiné(e)	aged
agneau (de lait)	lamb (young-milk fed)
aiglefin, églefin	haddock
aigre	sour
aigre-doux	sweet & sour
aigrelette (sauce)	a sour or tart sauce
aiguillettes	thin slivers, usually of duck breast
ail	garlic
aile	wing of poultry or game bird
aile et cuisse	white meat (aile), dark (cuisse), usually chicken
aïoli	garlicky blend of eggs and olive oil
aligot	mashed potatoes with fresh Cantal cheese and garlic
alose	shad
alose à l'oseille	shad or other fish in light hollandaise garnished with sorrel
aloyau	loin area of beef
alummettes	puff pastry strips, also fried matchstick potatoes
amande	almond
ananas	pineapple
anchoiade	puree of anchovies, olive oil, vinegar
anchois	anchovy
andouillette	smaller chitterline (tripe) sausage
aneth	dill
anis	aniseed
arachide	peanut oil
araignée de mer	spider crab
ardoise	literally "slate" - refers to the day's specialties
argumes	citrus fruits
aromates	spices and herbs
artichaut	artichoke
asperge	asparagus
assiette	plate
assiette du pecheur	assorted fish platter
assorti(e)	assorted
au four	baked

aubergine	eggplant
aumonière	thin crèpe, filled, wrapped like bundle
aurore	béchamel or cream sauce with tomatoes
automne	autumn
auvergnat(e)	(style) often with cabbage, sausage, and bacon
avocat	avocado
baies	berries
baies roses	pink peppercorns
baigne	bathes
ballotine	usually poultry, boned, stuffed, rolled
banane	banana
bar	fish, similar to bass
Barbarie (canard de)	breed of duck
barbue	brill, fish related to turbot
baron	hindquarters - lamb, rabbit, etc.
barquette	small pastry shaped like a boat
basilic	basil
basquaise	Basque-style, usually with ham or tomatoes or red
_	peppers
bavaroise	cold dessert, rich custard with cream and gelatin
bavette	skirt steak
beatilles	dish combining various organ meats
bécasse	woodchuck
beignet	fritter or doughnut
belon	prized, flat-shelled plate oyster
Bercy	fish-stock-based sauce thickened with flour, butter,
	shallots, white wine
berrichonne	garnish of braised cabbage, glazed baby onions,
	chestnuts, bacon
betterave	beet
beurre	butter
beurre noisette	lightly browned butter
biche	female deer
bifteck	steak (can be tough)
bigarade	orange sauce
bigarreau	cherry
Billy Bi, Billy By	cream of mussel soup
biscuits à la cuillère	ladyfingers
blanc (de poireau)	white part of leeks
blanc (de volaille)	usually breast of chicken
blanquette	veal, lamb, chicked, or seafood stew w/rich white sauce
blette	Swiss chard
bleu	bloody rare, usually for steak
blinis	small pancakes

boeuf à la mode	beef marinated and braised in red wine w/carrots,
bocar a la mode	mushrooms,onions
boeuf au gros sel	boiled beef, with vegetables and coarse salt
boissons (non) comprises	drinks (not) included
bombe	molded, layered ice cream dessert
bonne femme	home style, meat with bacon, potatoes, mushrooms,
	onions
bonne femme (fish)	with shallots, parsley, mushrooms, potatoes
bonne femme (sauce)	white wine sauce with shallots, mushrooms, lemon juice
bordelaise	Bordeaux-style, also brown sauce of shallots, red wine,
33.33.43.	bone marrow
bouchée	tiny mouthful, bite-size
boudin	technically meat sausage, any sausage-shaped mixture
boudin blanc	white sausage (veal, chicken, or pork)
boudin noir	pork blood sausage
bouillabaisse	Mediterranean fish soup
bouilli	boiled
bouillon	light soup or broth
boulette	meatball or fishball
bouquet	large reddish shrimp
bourdaloue	hot poached fruit, sometimes wrapped in pastry
bourguignon(ne)	Burgundy-style, often with wine, onions, mushrooms,
	bacon
bouribut	spicy red wine duck stew
bourride	fish stew
bouteille de	bottle of
braise	live coals; braised
braiser	to braise, cook meat by browning, then simmering
brandade (de morue)	warm garlicky purée of salt cod, cream & sometimes
	mashed potatoes
brebis (fromage de)	sheep
bretonne	in the style of Brittany, dish served with white beans
bretonne (sauce)	white wine sauce with carrots, leeks, celery
brioche	buttery, egg-enriched yeast bread
broche (à la)	spit-roasted
brochet	pike
brouillé(e)(s)	scrambled, usually eggs
brulé(e)	literally, burned; dark caramelization
brunoise	tiny diced vegetables
buffet froid	cold buffet
I ■	sweet fried doughnuts or fritters
bugnes	
buisson	literally bush; presentation (classically, crayfish)

cabillaud fre	esh cod
Caen (à la mode de)	sually cooked in calvados and white wine or cider
	offee (with cream) (with hot milk)
	ed coffee served with whipped cream, sometimes ice
	ream
cagouille sr	mall snail
	uail
calamar so	quid
campagne (de la) co	ountry-style
	uck
canard à la presse ro	past duck served with sauce of juices, red wine,
<u>-</u>	ognac
canard de Barbarie br	reed, with strong flavor
	so canard de Challans, very delicate-flavored small
dı	uck
canard de Rouen cr	ross between domestic & wild, smothered not bled,
sp	pecial taste
canard sauvage wi	ild duck
caneton yo	oung male duck
canette yo	oung female duck
cannelle ci	nnamon
carbonnade br	raised beef stew with beer and onions
cardon la	rge, celery-like vegetable in artichoke family
carré d'agneau ra	ack or loin of lamb
carré de porc ra	ack or loin of pork
	ack or loin of veal
<i>carrelet</i> su	ummer flounder
<i>cart</i> e m	enu
carvi ca	araway seeds
casse-croute sr	nacks
	dible seaweed
cassis bl	ack currant, black currant liqueur
	sh presented in a casserole
cassoulet ca	asserole of white beans, including various meats
caudière ch	nowder of fish and potatoes
caviar d'aubergine co	old eggplant purée
céleri ce	elery
céleri branché ce	eleriac
cèpe la	rge, meaty wild mushroom
cerfeuil ch	nervil
	nerry
cerise noire bl	ack cherry
cerneau wa	alnut meat
cervelas ga	arlicky pork sausage, or seafood sausage

cervelles	brains, of calf or lamb
chair	fleshy portion of poultry or meat
champêtre	rustic, simple presentation
champignon	mushroom (de bois) wild, (de Paris) cultivated,
Champighon	(sauvage) wild
champignons à la grecque	tiny mushrooms cooked with lemon, olive oil, spices
chanterelle	pale, curly-capped wild mushroom
chantilly	sweetened whipped cream
chapon	capon
chapon de mer	fish in the scorpion family
charcuterie	cold cuts, sausages, terrines, pâtés, also shop selling
Charcuterie	these
chariot (de desserts)	dessert cart
charlotte	molded dessert with ladyfingers, custard, fruit compote;
Charlotte	cold or hot
charolais	light-colored cow that produces high-quality beef
chartreuse	dish of braised partridge and cabbage; also a liqueur
chasse	the hunt
chasseur	sauce with white wine, shallots, mushrooms, tomatoes,
	herbs
châtaigne	chestnuts
chaud(e)	hot (or warm)
chaud-froid	cooked poultry dish served cold, usually covered with
	sauce, aspic
chaudrée	fish stew, sometimes with potatoes
chausson	filled pastry turnover, sweet or savory
chemise (en)	wrapped in pastry
chevreuil	young deer
chèvre	goat cheese
chicorée	curly endive
chiffonnade	shredded, herbs and vegetables, usually green
chinchard	type of fish
chipiron	squid
choix (au)	a choice, usually may choose from several offerings
choron	Béarnaise sauce with tomatoes
chou	cabbage
chou frise	kale
chou rouge	red cabbage
chou vert	curly green savoy cabbage
choucroute	sauerkraut; also dish of sauerkraut, sausages, bacon,
	pork, potatoes
chou-fleur	cauliflower
chou-fleur chous (pâte à) choux de Bruxelles	cauliflower creampuff (pastry) brussels sprouts

ciboulette	chive
cidre	cider, apple, or pear
citron	lemon
citron pressé	fresh lemonade
citron vert	lime
citronnelle	lemon grass (oriental herb)
citrouille	pumpkin, gourd
civelles	spaghetti-like baby eels
civet	stew of game thickened with blood
civet de lièvre	jugged hare; stewed hare thickened with blood
clafoutis	tart, made with crepe batter and fruit (usually black
	cherries)
claires	oysters (sometimes put in beds and fattened up before
	market)
clamart	garnish of peas
clémentine	small tangerine, from Morocco or Spain
cloute	studded with
cochon (de lait)	pig (suckling)
cochonnaille	pork products, usually an assortment of sausages or
	pâtés (1st course)
cocotte	casserole or cooking pot
coeur	heart
coffret	box-shaped pastry
coing	quince
colin	hake
colvert	wild duck
compote	stewed fresh or dried fruit
concassé(e)	coarsley chopped
concombre	cucumber
confit	duck, goose, or pork cooked & preserved in its own fat
confit	also fruit or vegetables preserved in sugar, alcohol, or
614	vinegar
confiture	jam
confiture de vieux garçon	varied fresh fruites macerated in alcohol
congeler	to freeze
congre	eel or fish similar to eel
contre-filet	sirloin taken above the loin, tied for roasting, braising,
	grilling
convives (la totalité des)	all those gathered at a single table
copeaux	shavings
coq (au vin)	mature rooster stewed in wine
coque	tiny mild-flavored clam-like shellfish
coque (à la)	soft cooked egg, or anything served in a shell
coquelet	young, male chicken

coquillage	shellfish
coquille	shell
coquille St Jacques	sea scallop
corail	egg sac found in scallops, spiny lobster or crayfish
corbeille (de fruits)	basked (of fruit)
coriandre	coriander
côte d'agneau	lamb chop
côte de boeuf	beef blade or rib steak
côte de veau	veal chop
cotelette	thin chop or cutlet
cotriade	Brittany-style fish stew with butter, potatoes, onions,
	herbs
cou d'oie (de canard)	neck skin of goose, stuffed like a sausage
couer de filet	thickest (and best) part of beef filet (usually
	châteaubriand steaks)
coulis	puree or raw or cooked vegetables or fruit
coullibiac	hot Russian pâté, usually filled with salmon and covered
	with brioche
coupe	cup; dessert served in goblet
courge	squash or gourd
courgette	zucchini
couronne	ring or circle, usually of bread
couteau	knife
couvert	place setting
crabe	crab
crapaudine	preparation of grilled poultry or game bird, backbone
	removed
crécy	carrot garnish, or carrot-based dish
crème chantilly	sweetened whipped cream
crème fouettée	whipped cream
crème patissière	custard filling for pastries and caked
crème plombières	custard filled with fresh fruite and egg whites
crépinette	small sausage patty wrapped in caul fat
cresson	watercress
cressonade	watercress sauce
crête de coq	cock's comb
creuse	elongated, crinkle-shelled oyster
crevette grise	tiny soft-fleshed shrimp that remains gray when cooked
crevette rose	small firm fleshed shrimp that turns red when cooked
criste-marine	edible algae
croquant(e)	crispy
croque-madame	toasted ham and cheese sandwich topped with an egg
croque-monsieur	toasted ham and cheese sandwich
croquette	ground meet, fish, fowl or vegetables bound with eggs

	or sauce
croquettes	usually coated in crumbs and deep fried
crottin (de chavignol)	firm goat cheese
croustade	usually small, pastry-wrapped dish (e.g., filled with fruit)
croute (en)	in pastry
croute de sel (en)	in a salt crust
cru(e)	raw
crudités	raw vegetables
crustaces	crustaceans
cuillère (à la)	to be eaten with a spoon
cuisse de poulet	chicken drumstick
cuisson	cooking
cuissot	haunch of veal, venison, or wild boar
cuit(e)	cooked
cul	haunch or rear, usually of red meat
cure-dent	toothpick
dariole	usually a garnish in a cylindrical mold
darne	a slice or steak from fish, often salmon
dattes	dates
daube	stew, usually meat
daurade	dorade or sea bream, similar to porgy
décortiqué(e)	shelled or peeled
dégustation	tasting or sampling
déjeuner	lunch
délice	delight, usually used to describe a dessert
demi-deuil	poached (usually chicked) with truffles inserted under skin. Also could be sweetbreads with a truffled white
	sauce
demi-glace	concentrated beef base
désossé(e)	boned
diable	with a peppery (often mustard based) sauce
dieppoise	dieppe style, white wine, mussels, shrimp, mushrooms, cream
digestif	after-dinner drink - liqueur
dinde	turkey ham
dindon(neau)	turkey in general
discretion (à la)	on menu usually refers to wine without limit, at
	customer's discretion
dodine	cold, boned stuffed duck
dos	back, also refers to meatiest portion of fish
dos et ventre	back and front; both sides (usually fish)
douceurs	sweets or dessets
doux, douce	sweet
duglere	white, flour-based sauce with shallots, white wine,

	tomatoes, and parsley
duxelles	chopped mushrooms and shallots sauteed in butter,
	mixed with cream
eau du robinet	tap water
écailler	to scale fish, also an oyster opener or seller
échalotes	shallots
échine	spare ribs
écrevisse	freshwater crayfish
éffiloche	frayed, thinly sliced
églefin, aiglefin	haddock
émincé	thin slice, usually of meat
encornet	small squid
endive	chicory or belgian endive
entrecôte	beef rib steak
entrecôte mâitre d'hotel	with herb butter
entrecôte marchand de vin	with sauce of red wine and shallots
entrée	first course
entremets	sweets
épaule	shoulder of veal, lamb, mutton, pork
épi de mais	ear of sweet corn
épices	spices
épinard	spinach
escabeche	sardines or marinated raw fish (vinegar or lemon juice
	and herbs)
escalope	thinly slices meat or fish, usually cut at an angle
escargot	land snail
escargot à l'alsacienne	simmered in riesling, baked with garlic and parsley
	butter stuffing
escargot de Bourgogne	land snail prepared with butter, garlic, and parsley
escargot petit-gris	small land snail
espadon	swordfish
estofinado	fish stew from Auvergne w/dried cod, eggs, garlic,
	cream
estouffade	stew of beef, pork, onions, mushrooms, orange zest,
	red wine
estragon	tarragon
été	summer
étrille	small crab
étuvé	cooked in own juice, braised
éventail (en)	cut into fan shape (vegetables or fish)
façon (à ma)	my way (of preparing a dish)
faisan(e)	pheasant
farandole	rolling cart, usually of desserts or cheese
farci(e)	stuffed

farine	flour
faux-filet	sirloin steak
fenouil	fennel
fera	salmonlike lake fish
fermé(e)	closed
ferme(fermier)	farm-fresh
feu de bois (au)	cooked over a wood fire
feuille de chêne	oak-leaf lettuce
feuille de vigne	vine leaf
feuilletage (en)	(in) puff pastry
feuillete au foie gras	puff pastry layered with sausage and foie gras
	(extravagant first course)
fèves	broad beans or favas
ficelle (à la)	tied with a string; also small, thin baguette
figue	fig
financière	madeira sauce with truffle juice
fines de claire	elongated crinkle shelled oysters (fattened up in beds)
flageolets	small, pale green kidney-shaped beans
flagnarde, flaugnarde	hot fruit-filled batter cake
flamande (à la)	flemish style, usually with cabbage, carrots, potatoes,
	bacon
flambe	flamed
flamiche	savory tart with rich bread dough crust
flamiche aux poireaux	leek and cream tart
flan	sweet or savory tart or crustless custard pie
flanchet (de veau)	flank (of veal)
fletan	halibut
fleur	flower
fleurons	puff pastry crescent
florentine	with spinach
foe de veau	calf's liver
foie	liver
foie gras d'oie (de canard)	liver of fattened goose (duck)
foies blonds de volaille	chicken livers; chicken liver lousse
foin (dans le)	cooked in hay
fond	cooking juices from meat, used to make sauces; also,
	bottom
fond d'artichaut	heart and base of artichoke
fondant	melting; as in melted sugar flavored and used for icing
forestière	garnish of wild mushrooms, bacon and potatoes
four (au)	baked in oven
fourchette	fork
fourre	stuffed
frais, fraiche	fresh

fraise	strawberry
fraise des bois	wild strawberry
framboise	raspberry
frangipane	almond custard filling
frappe	drink served very cold or with ice
frémis	(quivering); barely cooked (oysters)
friandises	sweets, petits fours
fricadelles	fried minced meat patties
fricadenes	thinly sliced veal or rmp roast, braised with vegetables,
Incandeau	white wine
fricassé(e)	ingredients braised in wine with butter and/or cream
mcasse(e)	added; stewed
frisée	curly, usually endive
frit(es)	french fries
fritons	
IIIOIIS	coarse pork rillettes or minced spread (includes organ meats)
fritot	small organ meat fritter
friture	· ·
mure	frying; also refers to preparation of small fried fish (ex. smelts)
froid(a)	cold
froid(e)	cheese
fromage	
fromage blanc	smooth low-fat cheese, similar to cottage cheese
fromage de tête	head cheese, usually pork
fromage maigre	low-fat cheese
fruit de la passion fruits confits	passion fruit
	preserved fruits; generally refers to candied fruits seafood
fruits de mer	
fumé(e)	smoked fish stock
fumet	fish stock
galantine	boned poultry or meat stuffed, rolled, cooked, glazed
and atta	with gelatin, cold
galette	crêpe made with buckwheat flour
galette	round, flat pastry, pancake or cake; sweet or savory
gambas	large prawns
garbure	generally a hearty soup of beans, cabbage, and pork or
gorni(a)	fowl
garni(e)	garnished
garniture	garnish
gâteau	cake
gaufre	waffle
gayettes	small sausage made with pork liver and bacon
gelée	aspic
genièvre	juniper berry
genoise	sponge cake

germiny	garnish of sorrel; sorrel and cream soup
gésier	gizzard
	fricassée of rabbit in red or white wine
gibelotte	
gibier	game
gigot	leg, usually of lamb (d'agneau)
gigot de mer	a preparation; usually large pieces of monkfish (lotte),
siama (da)	oven-roasted
gigue (de)	haunch (of) certain game meats
gingembre	ginger
girofle	cloves
girolle	delicate, pale, orange wild mushroom
glace	ice cream
glacé(e)	iced, crystallized or glazed
glaçons	ice cubes
gougère	cheese flavored chou pastry (puff)
goujonnettes	generally describes small slices of fish, ex sole, usually fried
goujons	small catfish; or any small fish; or small piece; breaded & fried
gourmandises	sweetmeats
gousse (d'ail)	clove (of garlic)
graine de moutarde	mustard seed
graisse	fat
graisserons	crisply fried pieces of duck or goose skin; cracklings
grand veneur	usually a brown sauce for game, with red currant jelly
granite	water ice
gras	fatty
gras-double	tripe baked with onions and white wine
gratin	crusty-topped dish; also refers to a casserole
gratin dauphinois	baked casserole of sliced potatoes w/cream and sometimes cheese
gratin savoyard	baked casserole of sliced potatoes w/bouillon, cheese, butter
gratiné(e)	having a crusty, browned top; also onion soup
grattons	crisply fried pices of pork, goose or duck skin; cracklings
gratuit	free
grecque (à la)	cold vegetables, usually mushrooms, marinated in oil,
3- 3- 4- (a /a/	lemon, water
grelot	small white bult onion
grenade	pomegranate
grenadin	small veal scallop
grenouille (cuisses de)	frog legs
gribiche (sauce)	mayonnaise with capers, cornichons, and herbs
grillade	grilled meat
grinaue	youled fileat

grillé(e)	grilled
griotte	shiny, slightly acidic reddish black cherry
grive	thrush
grondin	type of ocean fish used in fish stews such as
	bouillabaisse
gros sel	coarse sale
groseille	red currant
gruyère	hard, mild cheese
hachis	minced or chopped meat preparation
hareng	herring
haricot	bean
haricot blanc	white bean; usually dried
haricot de mouton	stew of mutton and white beans
haricot rouge	red kidney bean; also preparation of red beans in red
	wine
haricot vert	green bean, usually fresh
hiver	winter
hochepot	thick stew, usually oxtail
homard	lobster
hongroise (à la)	Hungarian-style, usually with paprika and cream
hors-d'oeuvre	appetizer; also can efer to a first course
huile	oil
huile d'arachide	peanut oil
huile de pépins de raisins	grapeseed oil
huitre	oyster
hure de porc	head of a pig or boar; usually headcheese preparation
hure de saumon	a salmon "headcheese", prepared with salmon meat,
	not the head
ile flottante	classically layered cake covered w/whipped cream,
	w/custard sauce
ile flottantes	floating island of meringue in crème anglaise
imperatrice (à l')	usually rice pudding dessert with candied fruit
indienne (à l')	East Indian style, usually with curry powder
infusion	herb tea
jambon	ham; also refers to thigh or shoulder of meat, usually
Same have a sure	pork
jambon cru	usually salt cured or smoked ham that has been aged
iombon de Borronne	but not cooked
jambon de Bayonne	raw, dried, salt-cured ham
jambon de Paris	lightly salted, cooked ham, very pale in color
jambon de York	smoked, English-style ham, usually poached
jambon d'oie (canard)	breast of fattened goose (duck), smoked or salted or
iombonnoou	sugar cured
jambonneau	pork knuckle

jambonnette	boned and stuffed knuckle of ham or poultry
jardinière	garnish of fresh cooked vegetables
jarret de veau	stew of veal shin
Jésus de morteau	smoked pork sausage from the Franche-Comte
jeun(e)	young
joue	cheek
julienne	slivered vegetables (sometimes meat)
jus	juice
kir	crème de cassis and white wine (usually, sometimes
	red)
kir royal	crème de cassis and champagne
kougelhopf	sweet, crown-shaped Alsatian yeast cake w/almonds
	and raisins
lait	milk
laitance	soft roe (often herring) or eggs
laitue	lettuce
lamproie	lamprey (eel shaped fish)
langouste	clawless spiny lobster; sometimes called crawfish or
	crayfish
langoustine	clawed crustacean, smaller than lobster or spiny lobster
	(prawn)
langue (de boeuf)	tongue (of beef)
languedocienne	garnish, usually of tomatoes, eggplant, and wild cèpe
	mushrooms
lapereau	young rabbit
lapin	rabbit
lapin de garenne	wild rabbit
lard	bacon
lardon	cube of bacon
larme	(teardrop); a very small portion of liquid
lèche	thin slice of bread or meat
léger(e)	light
légume	vegetable
lemelle	very thin slice
lieu (jaune)	pollack, a prized small (yellow) saltwater fish
lièvre	hare
limande	sole-like ocean fish, not as firm as sold
limande sole	lemon sole
lisette	small mackerel
lit	bed
lotte	monkfish or angler fish; a large firm-fleshed ocean fish,
	rich in flavor
lou magret	breast of fattened duck
loup (de mer)	Mediterranean fish, also known as bar, similar to striped

	bass
lyonnaise (à la)	in the style of Lyon, often garnished with onions
macédoine	diced mixed fruit or vegetables
macérer	to steep, pickle or soak
mâche	lamb's lettuce, a tiny, dark green lettuce
madeleines	small tea cakes
madère	madeira
magret de canard (d'oie)	breast of fattened duck (or goose)
maigre	thin, non-fattening
mais	corn
maison (de la)	of the house, or restaurant
maître d'hôtel	head waiter; also compound butter
maltaise	orange-flavored hollandaise sauce
mandarine	tangerine
mange-tout	literally, eat it all; podless green bean, snow pea, type of apple
mangue	mango
manière (de)	in the style of
maquereau	mackerel
maraichère (à la)	market-garden style; dish or salad that includes various greens
marbré(e)	marbled
marc	distilled residue of grape skins or other fruit after they've been pressed
marcassin	young wild boar
marchand de vin	wine merchant; also a sauce made with red wine, meat stock, shallots
marché	market
marée (la)	literally the tide; usually used to indicate that seafood is fresh
marennes	flat-shelled, green-tinged plate oysters; village where raised
mareyeur	wholesale fish merchant
marine	marinated
marinière (moules)	mussels cooked in white wine with onions, shallots, butter, herbs
marjolaine	marjoram; also, multilayered chocolate and nut cake
marmite	small covered pot; also a dish cooked in a small casserole
marquise (au chocolat)	rich chocolate mousse cake
marron	large chestnut
matelote (d'anguilles)	freshwater fish stew (or of eels)
mauviette	wild meadowlark or skylark
médaillon	round piece or slice

mólango	mixture or blend
mélange méli-mélo	
meii-meio	an assortment of fish and/or seafood, usually served in
	a salad
melon de cavaillon	small canteloupe-like melon
ménagère (à la)	in the style of a housewife (simply prepared), onions,
	potatoes, carrots
menthe	mint
menthe poivrée	peppermint
menu d'affairs	(businessman's) - avoid - cell phones
menu de la mer	seafood menu
menu dégustation	tasting menu
menu du marché	fresh ingredients picked up by chef at market that day
menu du terroir	regional menu
menu gastronomique	extravagant or richly luxurious specialties
mets	dish or preparation
mets selon la saison	seasonal preparation
meunière (á la)	fish seasoned, floured, fried in butter, served with lemon
	and parsley
meurette	in, or with, a red wine sauce; also a Burgundian fish
	stew
meurette	red wine sauce w/mushrooms, onions, bacon, carrots
miel	honey
mignardises	petit fours
mignonette	small cubes, usually of beef; also refers to coarsely
	ground peppercorns
mijoté(e) (plat)	simmered (dish or preparation)
mille-feuille	refers to puff pastry
mimosa	garnish of chopped hard cooked egg yolks
minute (à la)	prepared at the last minute
mirabeau	garnish of anchovies, pitted olives, tarragon and
	anchovy butter
mirabelle	yellow plum
mirepoix	cubes of carrots and onions, or mixed vegetables in
-	braising for flavor
miroton (de)	slices (of); also stew of meats flavored with onions
mitonnée	a simmered soup-like dish
mode (à la)	in the style of
moelle	beef bone marrow
moka	refers to coffee; coffee-flavored dish
montagne (de)	from the mountains
montmorency	garnished with cherries
morceau	piece or small portion
morille	wild morel mushroom
mornay	cheese sauce
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salted or dried and salted codfish creamy mussel stew; sometimes flavored with curry moule mussel proule de parques moule d'Espagne large mussel, ofted served raw as part of seafood platter
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platter
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w/mayonnaise
nousse light, airy mixture; sweet or savory
ingredients lightened with whipped cream or egg whites
(sauces)
mousseron tiny, delicate, wild mushroom
moutarde (à l'ancienne en) mustard (coarse grained)
mouton mutton
mullet, a rustic-flavored ocean fish
nure blackberry
nuscade nutmeg
nuseau de porc (boeuf) vinegared pork (beef) muzzle
nyrtille type of blueberry
nystère cone-shaped ice cream dessert; also merringue/ice
cream/choc sauce
aromatic poaching liquid (served in)
sauce of crayfish, butter cream and truffles; also garnish
of crayfish ""
covered; as with a sauce
refers to simple, unadorned preparations
refers to lamb or mutton
turnip
w/tomatoes, onions, anchovies, olives
nid nest
in the style of nevers, with carrots and onions
noilles noodles
hazelnut; hazelnut flavored
also refers to small round piece (such as potato)
browned in butter
walnut; nut sized
refers to fish or meat cooked with apple cider or
calvados; or sauce of seafood, cream, mushrooms
also dessert with apples, usually served with cream
nouilles à l'alsacienne noodles, usually with butter and cream
new or young
pouveauté a new offering
stone or pit

oeuf à la coque	soft-cooked egg
oeuf brouillé	scrambled egg
oeuf dur	hard-cooked egg
oeuf en meurette	poached egg in red wine sauce
oeuf mollet	egg simmered in water for 6 minutes
oeuf poche	poached egg
oeuf saut à la poêle	fried egg
oeuf sur le plat	fried egg
oeufs à la neige	(in the snow) sweetened whipped whites poached in
	milk/in custard
oeufs au jambon	eggs and ham
offert(e)	offered; free or given
oie	goose
oignon	onion
omble chevalier	member of trout family with firm flaky flesh from white to
	deep red
omelette	aux fines herbs; au fromage (cheese); au jambon (ham)
onglet	cut similar to beef flank steak; biftek, and entrecote (can
	be tough)
oreilles (de porc)	ears (of pig)
orties	nettles
ortolan	tiny wild bird (now protected)
os	bone
oseille	sorrel
oursin	sea urchin
ouvert	open
paillard (de veau)	thick slice (of veal)
pailles (pommes)	fried straw potatoes (finely shredded)
paillettes	cheese straws, usually made with puff pastry and
	Parmesan cheese
pain	bread
paleron	shoulder of beef
paletot	(coat) skin bone and meat of fattened duck or goose
palmier	palm-leaf-shaped cookie made of sugared puff pastry
palmier (coeurs de)	palm hearts
palombe	wood or wild pigeon
palourde	prized medium sized clam
pamplemousse	grapefruit
panache	mixed; liberally used menu term to denote any mixture
panade	thick mixture used to bind (flour and butter, bread
	crumbs, etc.)
panais	parsnip
pané(e)	breaded
panier	basket

pannequet	rolled crêpe filled with sweet or savory mixture
papillote (en)	cooked in parchment paper or foil
paquets (en)	(in) packages or parcels
parfait	a dessert mousse; also mousse-like mixture of chicken, duck liver, etc.
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parfum	flavor
parisienne (à la)	varied garnish, always includes fried potato balls
	tossed in meat glaze
parmentier	dish with potatoes
partager	share
passe-pierre	edible seaweed
pastèque	watermelon
pastis	refreshing long, cool drink; anise liqueur or flavor w/ice
	and water
pastise	anise liqueur
pâte	pastry dough
pâte à choux	cream puff pastry
pâte brisée	pie pastry
pâte sablée	sweeter, richer than pâte sucrée
pâte sucrée	sweet pie pastry
pâté	molded, spiced, minced meat, baked and served hot or
	cold
pâté en croute	pate baked in pastry crust
pâtisserie	pastry
pâtissier	pastry chef
patte	paw, foot, or leg or bird or animal
patte blanche	small crayfish
patte rouge	large crayfish
paupiette	thin sice of meat, usually beef or fish, filled, rolled, then wrapped
pavé	thick slice of boned beef or calve's liver; also king of
	pastry
paysan(ne) (à la)	country style; garnish of carrots, turnips, onions, celery, bacon
peau	skin
pêche	peach
pêche melba	poached peach with vanilla ice cream and raspberry
•	sauce
pêcheur	usually refers to fish preparations
pelure	peelings, such as truffles, used for flavorings
perce-pierre	samphire, edible seaweed
perche	perch, finely flavored fresh water fish
perdreau	young partridge
perdrix	partridge
	l berniege

périgourdine (à la)	sauce, usually with truffles and foie gras
persil	parsley
petit déjeuner	breakfast
petit-pois	small green peas
petits fours	tiny cakes and pastries
petits-gris	small land snail
petoncle	tiny scallop, similar to bay scallops
pets de nonne	small, dainty fried pastry
pibale	small eel, also called civelle
pièce	portion or piece
pied de mouton	meaty, cream-colored wild mushroom; also sheep's foot
pied de porc	pig's foot
pigeonneau	young pigeon or squab
pignons	pine nuts, or pignoli
pilau, pilaf	rice booked with onions and broth
piment (poivre) de Jamaïque	allspice
piment doux	sweet pepper
pince	claw; also tongs used when eating snails or seafood
pintade	guinea fowl
pintadeau	young guinea fowl
pipérade	basque dish of peppers, onions, tomatoes, and often
	scrambled eggs
pipérade au jambon	above served on slice of ham
piquant(e)	sharp or spicy tasting
pique	larded; studded
pissaladière	a flat open-face tart garnished with onions, olives,
	anchovies
pissenlit	dandelion (leaves)
pistache	pistachio nuts
pistil de safran	thread of saffron
pistou	sauce of basil, garlic, olive oil; also a rich vegetable
	soup
pithiviers	classic puff pastry dessert filled with almond cream
plat	a dish
plat principal	main dish
plate	flat-shelled oyster
plateau	platter
plateau de fruits de mer	seafood platter (raw & cooked combined)
plates côtes	part of beef ribs usually used in pot-au-feu
pleurote	oyster mushroom
plie franche	flounder
plombières	dessert of vanilla ice cream, candied fruit, kirsch,
	whipped cream
pluches	leaves of herbs or plants, generally used for garnish

poché(e)	poached
pochouse	freshwater fish stew prepared with white or red wine
poêlé(e)	pan-fried
pointe (d'asperge)	tip (of asparagus)
poire	pear
poireau	leek
poires belle hélène	poached pears served on vanilla ice cream with hot
•	chocolate sauce
pois	peas
poisson	fish
poitrine	breast (of meat or poultry)
poitrine demi-sel	unsmoked slab bacon
poitrine fumée	smoked slab bacon
poivrade	peppery brown sauce of wine, vinegar, and cooked
	vegetables (strained)
poivre	pepper
poivre frais de Madagascar	green peppercorns
poivre noir	black peppercorns
poivre rose	pink peppercorns
poivre vert	green peppercorns
poivron (doux)	sweet bell pepper
polenta	cornmeal cooked with butter and cheese
pommade (en)	usually refers to a thick, smooth paste
pomme	apple
pomme en l'air	caramelized apple slices usually served with blood
	sausage
pommes (de terre)	potatoes
pommes à la vapeur	steamed or boiled potatoes
pommes à l'anglaise	boiled potatoes
pommes allumettes	very thin fries 1/4 x 2-1/2
pommes boulangère	potatoes cooked with the meat; gratin with onions,
	sometimes bacon
pommes dauphinoise	basked dish of sliced potatoes w/milk, garlic, cheese
pommes dauphine	mashed potatoes mixed with chou pastry, shaped into
	balls & fried
pommes duchesse	mashed potatoes with butter, egg yolks, nutmeg garnish
pommes en robe	potatoes cooked with skins on
pommes frites	French fries
pommes gratinées	baked dish of potatoes, browned, often with cheese
pommes lyonnaises	potatoes sautéed with onions
pommes paillés	potatoes cut into julienne strips, then fried
pommes pont-neuf	classic fries, cut 1/2 x 2-1/2
pommes soufflées	small thin slices of potato fried twice (inflate like pillows)
porc (carré de)	pork (loin)

porc (côte de)	pork (chop)
porcelet	young suckling pig
porto (au)	with port
portugaises	type of oyster
potage	soup
pot-au-feu	boiled beef with vegetables, often served in two or more courses
pot-de-crème	individual custard or mousse-like dessert, often chocolate
potée	hearty soup of pork and vegetables, generally cabbage and potatoes
poularde	fattened hen
poule d'inde	turkey hen
poule faisane	female pheasant
poulet (rôti)	chicken (roast)
poulet basquaise	basque style chicken, with tomatoes and sweet peppers
poulet de Bresse	high-quality, free-running, corn-fed chicken
poulet de grain	corn-fed chicken
poulet fermier	free-range chicken
poulpe	octopus
pousse-pierre	edible seaweed
poussin	baby chicken
praire	small clam
pralin	ground caramelized almonds
primeur	refers to early fresh fruits and vegetables
printanière	garnish of spring vegetables, cut into dice or balls
prix fixe	fixed-price menu
prix net	service included
profiterole	chou pastry desssert, filled with ice cream and topped with chocolate
provençal(e)	in the style of Provence; with garlic, tomatoes, olive oil
prune	fresh plum
pruneau	prune
ptes (fraiches)	pasta (fresh)
purée	mashed
quenelle	dumpling, usually of veal, fish, or poultry
quetsch	small purple damson plum
queue (de boeuf)	tail (oxtail)
rable de lièvre (lapin)	saddle of hare (rabbit)
radis	small red radish
radis noir	large black radish
ragout	stew, usually of meat
raie	skate (fish)
raifort	horseradish

raisin	grape
ramequin	small individual casserole, also small tart
rapé(e)	grated or shredded
rascasse	scorpion fish
rave	root vegetables - celery, turnip, radish
ravigote	thick vinaigrette sauce w/vinegar, white wine, shallots,
	herbs, mayo
réchauffer	to reheat
reine-claude	greengage plum
reinette	fall and winter variety of apple
rémoulade	sauce of mayo, capers, mushrooms, herbs, anchovies,
	gherkins
rillettes (d'oie)	minces spread of pork (goose), or duck, fish, rabbit
rillons	usually pork belly, cut up and cooked 'til crisp
rince doigt	finger bowl
ris d'agneau	lamb sweetbreads
ris de veau	veal sweetbreads
rivière	river
riz à l'imperatrice	cold rice pudding with candied fruit
riz complet	brown rice
rognonnade	veal loin with kidneys attached
rognons	kidneys
romarin	rosemary
rondelle	round slice
rosette (de porc)	dried sausage (of pork) usually from Beaujolais
rosé	rare (meat)
rôti	roast
rouelle (de)	slice of meat or vegetable cut at an angle
rouget (rouget barbet)	sweet, red-skinned fish commonly called red mullet; smaller, better
rouille	thick, spicy, rust-colored sauce, w/olive oil, peppers, tomatoes, garlic
roulade	roll, often stuffed
roulé(e)	rolled
roux	butter and flour mixed together to thicken sauce
sabayon	light sweet sauce of egg yolks, sugar, wine, flavoring, whipped as cooked
sable	shortbread-like cookie; also sweet pastry dough
safran	saffron
saignant(e)	very rare (for the cooking of meat)
saint pierre	mild, flat, white ocean fish; john dory
saint-germain	with peas
saint-hubert	sauce poivrade with chestnuts and bacon added
saint-jacques (coquille)	sea scallop

saison (suivant la)	according to the season
salade aux noix	green salad with walnuts dressed with walnut oil
salade folle	mixed salad, usually including green beans and foie
	gras
salade panachée	mixed salad
salade verte	green salad
salé(e)	salted
salicorne	edible algae
salmis	stewlike preparation of game birds or poultry
salpicon	diced vegetables, meat and /or fish in a sauce
salsifis	salsify, or oyster plant
sandre	perchlike freshwater fish
sang	blood
sanglier	wild boar
sarriette	summer savory; also called poivre d'âne
saucisse	small fresh sausage
saucisson	large dried sausage
saucisson de Lyon	pork sausage with garlic, pepper, sometimes truffles or
	pistachios
sauge	sage
saumon (sauvage)	salmon (wild, non-cultivated)
saumon d'Ecosse	scottish salmon
saumon fumé	smoked salmon
saupiquet	classis aromatic wine sauce thickened with bread
	crumbs
sauté(e)	browned in fat
sauvage	wild
savarin	yeast-leavened cake shaped like a ring, soaked in
	sweet syrup
savoyarde	usually, flavored with Gruyère cheese
scarole	escarole
seiche	large squid
sel	salt
selle	saddle (of meat)
serpolet	wild thyme
service (non) compris	service (not) included
	napkin flavored syrup w/mineral water, seltzer, lemon soda (bar
sirops	or cafe)
smitane	sauce of cream, onions, white wine and lemon juice
soissons	dried or fresh white beans
sole normande	sole poached in cider, garnished with mussels, shrimp,
Sole Hormande	cream sauce
sorbet	sherbet
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soubise	onion sauce
souffle	light sweet or savory mixture, served hot or cold
steack	beef steak
stockfish	salted and air-dried codfish
succes au pralin	meringue cake flavored w/caramelized almonds,
	layered w/butter cream
sucre	sugar
suprême	a veal- or chicken-based white sauce thickened with
	flour and cream
suprême	a boneless breast of poultry or a fillet of fish
tablier de sapeur	tripe that is marinated, breaded, and grilled
tagine	spicy North African stew of veal, lamb, chicken, or
	pigeon with veg
tanche	tench, a freshwater fish with mild, delicate flavor
tapenade	blend of black olives, anchovies, capers, olive oil, lemon
	juice
tarama	mullet roe, often made into a spread of the same name
tart tatin	caramelized upside-down apple pie
tartare	chopped raw beef, seasoned and garnished with raw
	egg, etc.
tarte	tart; open-face pie or flan, usually sweet
tarte au fromage	cheesecake
tartine	open-face sandwich; buttered bread
tasse	cup
tendre	tender
tendrons	cartilaginous meat cut from beef or veal ribs
terrine	earthenware container; also mixture cooked in the
	container
tête de veau (porc)	head of veal (pork), usually used in headcheese
thé	tea
thon	tuna fish
thym	thyme
tian	earthenware gratin dish; also vegetable mixture cooked
	in dish
tiède	lukewarm
tilleul	lime or linden blossom herb tea
timbale	small mold; mixture prepared in mold
topinambour	Jerusalem artichoke
tortue	turtle
toulousaine	Toulouse-style; usually with truffles or sweetbreads;
	cock's combs, etc.
tournédos	center portion of beef filet, usually grilled or sautéed
tournédos rossini	sauteed tournedos garnished with foie gras and truffles
tourteau	large crab with large claws full of deliciously sweet meat

tourtière	shallow cooking vessel; also pastry dish filled w/spples
tourtiere	and/or prunes
tranche	slice
travers de porc	spare ribs
tripes à la mode de Caen	beef tripe, carrots, onions, leeks, spices, cooked w/cider
anpos a ra modo do edem	and brandy
tripoux	mutton tripe
trompettes des mort	dark brown "horn of plenty" mushrooms
tronçon	cut of meat or fish (sliced from widest part)
truffe (truffé[e])	truffle (with truffles)
truite	trout
truite saumonée	salmon trout
tuile	literally, tile; delicate almond-flavored cookie
turban	usually mixture or combination of ingredients cooked in
	ring mold
turbot(in)	turbot (small turbot) considered the finest of fish (and
	most expensive)
vacherin	dessert of baked meringue, with ice cream and cream;
	also a cheese
vallé d'ange	region of Normandy; also garnish of cooked apples and
	cream
vanille	vanilla
vapeur (à la)	steam(ed)
veau	veal
velouteé	veal or chicken based sauce thickened with flour
venaison	venison
ventre	belly or stomach
venus	American clam
verjus	juice from unripe grapes; once used in sauces instead
	of vinegar
vernis	large, fleshy clam
vert-pré	watercress garnish, sometimes includes potatoes
verviene	lemon verbena (herb tea)
vessie (en)	cooked in a pig's bladder (usually a chicken)
viande	meat
vichy	with glazed carrots; also a brand of mineral water
vichyssoise	cold, creamy leek and potato soup
vierge (beurre)	whipped butter sauce with salt, pepper, and lemon juice
vierge (huile d'olive)	virgin olive oil
vieux (vieille)	old
vigneron	wine grower
vinaigre (vieux)	vinegar (aged)
vinaigre de Xeres	sherry vinegar
vinaigrette	oil and vinegar dressing

vivant(e)	living
vivier	fish tank
vol au vent	puff pastry shell
volaille	poultry
Xeres	sherry (vinegar)
yaourt	yogurt
zeste	citrus peel, with white pith removed