



# MICHEL MALECOT

## EXECUTIVE CHEF

### COMPETING CHEF



THE FRENCH GOURMET  
Catering • Restaurant • Bakery • Wine Boutique

### AWARDS

- Recipient of the Chevalier du Merite Agricole
- Gold Key Award for Food & Beverage Person of the Year
- Gold Medallion "Best Caterer" from the California Restaurant Association, Local Chapter
- Voted Best Casual French Restaurant by readers of The San Diego Union Tribune
- Voted Best Caterer by the readers of The San Diego Union Tribune, Beach & Bay Press, La Jolla Village News, and La Jolla Light
- Voted Best Caterer by the readers of San Diego Magazine
- San Diego Finest Service Award by the San Diego Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Located at 960 Turquoise Street in Pacific Beach, The French Gourmet is comprised of a state-of-the-art catering commissary, executive offices, inside and patio restaurant and bakery.

### ABOUT:

- Michel Malécot is the Chef, Owner, Founder, and President of The French Gourmet, Inc. He graduated from the cooking school of St Amand-Montrond and received certification for dining room service while in Tour, France in 1970. Michel worked in France, England, Germany, and the famous cruise ship "Le Mermoz" prior to coming to the United States in 1972. During his time working in Miami, Naples, and Manhattan, he learned how to adapt his techniques and expand his recipes to please the American palate.

In 1976, Michel moved to San Diego and continued to fine-tune his culinary skills at Le Côte D'Azur Restaurant in La Jolla. In 1979 he left Le Côte D'Azur to open The French Gourmet. Michel is known throughout San Diego for his expertise as a caterer. A firm believer in being true to tradition, he extracts the flavors of the ingredients of his well-adapted menus to the off-premises catering environment. He attends various catering conferences, as well as food and wine trade shows. During COVID 2020, he managed to reinvent the business by offering a line of chilled prepared entrees for individual and family meals.

Michel has been married to Lesa since 1989; they are the proud parents of three sons and one daughter. Michel enjoys gardening and wine tasting, and, of course, cooking for his family and friends.