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Fandango

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Filet Mignon with
Café de Paris butter
and Lobster Tail



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Owners Marietta and Pierre Bain

As a restaurateur, Pierre Bain understands his bread and butter: "I know my clientele. They are older people," says Bain, who has owned Fandango since 1986. "Some day I will pass the torch to someone who can be trendy and change things. Until then, we are classic, the way people like it." Fandango's dedicated fans love this familiarity. They love greeting the nattily attired, French-born Bain and hearing his thick accent. They love how his wife Marietta hugs customers and escorts them to a table in one of the charming rooms reminiscent of a country inn. They love ordering calves' liver or sweetbreads or cassoulet, and that it tastes the same now as when they first ordered it 27 years ago. Under the care of this dedicated couple, Fandango exudes Old World warmth and charm. The rustic Mediterranean-inspired food—from the caviar, escargot and duck à l'orange to the decadent Grand Marnier soufflé—is comforting, familiar and timeless. Perfect for the bread and butter.

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