

ANNE FISHBEIN

CHEFS EAT

When chef Kazuto Matsusaka and wife/general manager Vicki Fan aren't at their Beacon or the Point, they frequent Nanbankan. Fan says, "We love the fact we can have a simple chicken skewer or something more exotic like organ meats. . . . When Kazuto and I want a romantic evening out, we eat at the bar at Mélisse. We can have a light, three-star meal." Late night, it's all about Raku's "mix of Korean and Japanese home cooking." Mélisse, 1104 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, (310) 395-0881; Nanbankan, 11330 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A., (310) 478-1591; Raku, 11678 W. Olympic Blvd., West L.A., (310) 478-3090