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THE FOOD PAIRING MIXED CASE

There is no doubt that certain combinations of food and wine can enhance a gastronomic experience. When you find that perfect pairing it's a great moment, so use this case to explore the possibilities: try a juicy Riesling with fragrant Thai dishes; complement seared scallops with white burgundy; or try a modern classic – chargrilled steak with plummy Malbec.

Bourgogne Blanc 'Les Sétilles', Olivier Leflaive 2018 - Burgundy

Made from Chardonnay grapes grown across some of the most renowned appellations of Burgundy, 'Les Sétilles' is Olivier Leflaive's classic Bourgogne Blanc. Approachable, fresh and fine.

Scion of the legendary Leflaive winemaking family, Olivier founded his eponymous Burgundy house in 1984. Discreet in size and style by comparison with Burgundy's big name houses, Olivier Leflaive has quietly but steadily forged an enviable reputation among its peers, and continues to impress not only for the sheer range of its wines but for their consistency of style and quality. Over the years, Olivier Leflaive has increased its own vineyard-holdings – comprising some of the most prestigious appellations and *lieux-dits* in Puligny and beyond – while sourcing grapes from long-term partnerships with over 120 small vine-growers. All viticulture is overseen by Olivier Leflaive's highly-skilled technical team, Franck Grux and Philippe Grillet, whose knowledge of the region is matchless. 'Les Sétilles' Bourgogne Blanc is a long-time favourite of Corney & Barrow staff and customers alike – a classic 'all-round' white Burgundy, impeccably styled from high quality grapes. While the precise recipe is a closely-guarded secret and alters subtly from year to year based on the style of the vintage, the wine is essentially a blend of grapes from the prized villages of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault.



France, Burgundy, Côte d'Or



Olivier Leflaive



100% Chardonnay

A classic white Burgundy, beautifully wrought, from grapes with impeccable pedigree. The majority of the blend (85%) is aged in French oak barrels for eight months, enhancing flavour complexity and textural finesse. The wine is instantly seductive with its white blossom scent and supple orchard fruit, gently creamy on the palate, with a fresh mineral finish.

- Classic and refined, an exemplary Bourgogne Blanc from one of Burgundy's most impressive names.
- Bourgogne Blanc at its finest - a blend of grapes from the hallowed villages of Puligny-Montrachet and Meursault, but at a more approachable price than either.
- A versatile classic, approachable enough to sip on its own, but with the depth of flavour and structure to pair with a wide range of dishes, even hearty fare. The perfect match for meaty fish or roast chicken.

Viña Garedo, Grupo Yllera 2018 - Rueda

Made in the heart of Spain by the pioneering Yllera family, this appetising golden-fruited wine offers a great introduction to the local Verdejo grape.

We're here in the heart of the Castilla y León region, in Spain's north-western corner - a dry and dusty plateau inland ringed by majestic mountain peaks. The highly-regarded Yllera family founded their winery in the village of Rueda six generations ago. Gifted with an entrepreneurial spirit, they are responsible for putting the Rueda appellation on the map and for pioneering its quintessential style: a zippy, refreshing and aromatic white made from the local star grape: Verdejo. Known locally as "uva dorada" – the "golden grape" - it is planted at altitude on arid chalk-rich soils bordering the Duero river. In spite of the fierce continental climate, with scorching summer days and frozen winters, Verdejo thrives here to deliver a delicate wine with an enchanting perfume.



Spain, Castilla y León, DO Rueda



Grupo Yllera



91% Verdejo, 9% Sauvignon Blanc

We are instantly charmed by the lovely scents emanating from the glass, redolent of green apples, peach and delicate blossom. Softly textured and highly refreshing, Viña Garedo brims with a fruity palette of flavours. Bright and lively, a tribute to the local golden varietal.

- Aromatic, textured and versatile - the ideal accompaniment to shellfish or a seafood paella.
- A celebration of Rueda's signature grape varietal: Verdejo.
- Made by the sixth generation of the family, who pioneered this unique style.
- A great alternative to your usual Sauvignon Blanc.

Homer Riesling, Eradus Wines 2015 - Marlborough

A lip-smacking Riesling so easy to drink you will be thirsty for more. A true Odyssey!

The Marlborough region has put New Zealand on the international wine stage. The insider secret, however, is the rugged, untameable terroir of the Awatere Valley, a unique microclimate within Marlborough. The windy, dry, cool and stony conditions give the wines elegance, minerality and a crisp, clean finish.

When Har and Sophie Eradus found a sliver of land nestled between a higher terrace and the glacial Awatere River below, they knew it was extraordinary. Having emigrated from the Netherlands in 1982 and grown flowers in Auckland for seventeen years, the couple were looking to make their own wine as a retirement project. Their connection to the land seemed fated when Sophie cleared a shed on the property and found an old potbelly door with an embossed logo that entwined their initials - "H", "S" and "E", which inspired the Eradus label. Their son Michiel took over the reins in 2004, moving his young family to the estate, to continue the journey in a valley now globally acclaimed for its wines. Michiel has named this particular Riesling in tribute to his dog 'Homer'.



New Zealand, Marlborough



Eradus Wines



100% Riesling

The Eradus family winemaking philosophy centres on achieving wines with ripeness, balance and freshness. This dry Riesling has bold, zesty citrus and green apple fruit, with hints of kaffir lime leaf.

- Superb introduction to Riesling – light, racy and overflowing with orchard fruit.
- Shows the trademark ripe and juicy style of Marlborough, tempered by freshness and elegance.
- Excellent with food – try with fragrant Thai or Vietnamese.

Malbec Terroir Series, Bodega Ruca Malen 2017 - Mendoza

Smooth and moreish, this is a premium example of Argentina's signature grape, Malbec, from a boutique winery in highly-prized Mendoza wine country.

Bodega Ruca Malen is a boutique winery located in the foothills of the majestic Andes. Founded in 1998 by two spirited French pioneers, the bodega's philosophy has not changed, aiming to create terroir-driven wines of great finesse. Their accomplished head winemaker, Noelia Torres, is on a constant quest for excellence and brings her passionate personality and feminine grace to the wines. Ruca Malen has a collection of unique Malbec plots, scattered at high altitude throughout the prestigious Uco Valley. Combining intense luminous sunshine with cooler nights, their vineyards yield grapes of excellent varietal purity and a sense of freshness.



Argentina, Mendoza, Uco Valley



Bodega Ruca Malen



100% Malbec

Carefully aged in oak barrels for twelve months in the winery's splendid cellar, this smooth and elegant Malbec is packed with concentrated cherry, juicy plum, delicate violet notes and a subtle spicy touch. A complete wine, with soft tannins and underlying freshness. Simply moreish.

- Complex yet approachable - a compelling expression of Argentina's signature grape.
- Sense of place - carefully selected grapes from the prestigious Uco Valley.
- Stylish and graceful – made by a leading woman winemaker at a renowned boutique winery.
- Subtle, rich and balanced - a gastronomic style of its own. A classic match with chargrilled steak.

Corney & Barrow Company Reserve, Maison Sichel 2016 - Bordeaux

Richness, structure and a dash of hedonism are the aims here. No ageing required, this is succulent and approachable from the off, best with food.

Maison Sichel is a much-respected family company ticking most boxes - Château owner, producer and *négociant* house. Sichel has amassed more than 125 years of experience. The Corney & Barrow buying team, helped by Sichel's Technical Director, Yvan Meyer, blended this claret. There's no denying the combined experience nor Corney & Barrow's predilection for a Merlot-rich style, even here in the Cabernet sanctuary of Sichel. Why Merlot? Its fleshy, rounded style offers the vinous equivalent of a warm, comfy slipper – the Cabernet Sauvignon element adding focus.



France, Bordeaux



Maison Sichel



67% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

Whilst the C&B claret is a rather outstanding gentleman of a wine, the company reserve has something of a twinkle in its eye - almost too drinkable. Plum-ruby in colour, it offers a combination of red and black fruit, combined with earthy notes and a touch of vanilla. Generous fruit on the palate is complemented by ripe tannins. Warrants a leisurely meal, the wine developing further aromatics in the glass.

- Approachable, accessible, paradoxically both elegant and hearty.
- Sumptuous Merlot with underlying grip – great balance.
- A no-brainer with your preferred roast dish – tremendous with lamb.

Belezos Rioja Crianza, Bodegas Zugober 2016 - Rioja

A classically structured Rioja Crianza, made in the highly-reputed Rioja Alavesa area by a small, terroir-driven family winery, Bodegas Zugober.

Bodegas Zugober winery was established in 1987, in the heart of the renowned Rioja Alavesa area, by viticulturist Eduardo Gomez Palma and his winemaker wife Maribel Bernardo. Having embraced their respective families' winemaking heritage at a young age, they set up the winery of their dreams and have now been joined by their son Manuel. Located on the edge of the Sierra de Cantabria mountains, over rich limestone soils, the family creates characterful wines which combine a classic Rioja structure, pure, expressive fruit and underlying freshness.



Spain, Rioja Alavesa



Bodegas Zugober



95% Tempranillo, 2.5% Graciano, 2.5% Mazuelo

Aged for fourteen months in American oak, with additional time in the bottle, this elegant wine combines juicy plum and ripe cherry characters, savoury spice, soft tannins and a mineral finish true to the region.

- Intense, structured and mineral - a classic Rioja Crianza expression.
- Grown on Alavesa's prized chalky limestone soils, which are held to confer finesse and elegance.
- A "ready-to-drink" style with great ageing potential.
- Try with slow-cooked pork belly.