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A TWO-NIGHT STAY AT W BAN

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8 Mother's
Day gifts for
the gourmet

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'eat' streets

Thai feast

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Recipes from
David Thompson's
Long Chim revealed

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Perfect wine
match with
dishes

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Long kham
(dried prawns,
ginger,
toasted
coconut, betel
leaves)

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Oscar de la Renta Fine China

If Mum has a flair for entertaining, she'll already have some statement pieces in her fine china cabinet. Add to the collection with the Artichoke series – the graphic motif is a fresh take on de la Renta's love for nature. Hand-painted and crafted in Portugal by Vista Alegre, a leading purveyor of fine porcelain since 1824, they make for lovely dinner presentations. From S\$61 (dessert plate) to \$274 (large serving bowl). oscardearenta.com ships to Singapore.



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Château de Laubade Armagnac

It may not be mum's birthday but you can celebrate her just the same with a fine spirit produced in her birth year. Built in 1870, Château de Laubade is located in the noblest area of the appellation, Bas-Armagnac, and one of the few properties that produce the four traditional grape varieties of Ugni Blanc, Colombard, Folle Blanche and Baco. Vintages are only released after 15 years of ageing in Gascony oak casks with the Cellar Master carefully overseeing the finest maturation and blending of the spirit. *Culina* carries a selection from 1940 (\$1,700) and can air-freight a specific year required within a week (subject to availability from the distillery). Price upon application.



Forge Laguiole Cheese Knife

When a blade comes as beautifully forged as this, all the stigma surrounding knives and gift-giving is thrown out the window. Entirely handmade in the village of Laguiole, it's designed by Michel Bras and his brother André to carry blonde stamina wood in a curved handle that balances perfectly on the table. \$198, from *Strange & Deranged*.

