

# Obscure For A Reason

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The answer to the meta: "Nice audible 'oui'"

## ACROSS

- 1 Muesli morsel  
 4 Black and white ocean predators  
 9 Amplify  
 14 "Knives Out" actress, \_\_\_ de Armas  
 15 Arthur Conan \_\_\_  
 16 "It's an \_\_\_ but a goodie"  
 17 Predicament  
 18 Take the shell off escargots for want of a ...?  
 20 Faux pas  
 22 Skin art, for short  
 23 Things of value  
 24 Prayer ending  
 26 Colour TV pioneer  
 27 Search a Latin drinking aphorism for the rainbow connection?  
 33 "The Hot Zone" virus  
 34 Opposite of WSW  
 35 Fruity drinks  
 37 Mambo king, \_\_\_ Puente  
 38 Wined and \_\_\_  
 40 One of the Inner Hebrides  
 41 Sea of \_\_\_ (arm of the Black Sea)  
 42 GI entertainers  
 43 Email receiver  
 44 Strangely, Central Perk manager without hot water is for pressing?  
 48 Take an axe to
- 49 "\_\_\_ in a blue moon"  
 50 Scoundrels  
 54 Nelson Mandela's former org.  
 55 Spun records  
 59 Alternating edges for a canine command?  
 62 Prefix for skeleton (for sci-fi fans out there!)  
 63 Drop by  
 64 Nobel winner, \_\_\_ Curie  
 65 Lair  
 66 Retailer that used to have Red Ruff and Blue Mews in their logo  
 67 Burial vault under a church, perhaps  
 68 Endings for enigmat, esoter, myst, and certain other words

## DOWN

- 1 Clumsy ones  
 2 Indigo source  
 3 Prepare for takeoff  
 4 Has much too much, briefly  
 5 "Something is \_\_\_ in the state of Denmark" (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 4)  
 6 "\_\_\_ de Bergerac"  
 7 Touched down  
 8 Oct. preceder  
 9 Japanese miniature tree  
 10 Hellos in Spanish  
 11 "Garfield" dog

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- 12 River sediment  
 13 Julia's role in "Ocean's 11" (and "Ocean's 12" but let's not talk about that one)  
 19 Monty Python song, "Every sperm is \_\_\_"  
 21 Australian meringue-based dessert named after a Russian ballerina  
 25 ABBA song, "Mamma \_\_\_!"  
 26 Philosopher, \_\_\_ Descartes  
 27 Island near Majorca  
 28 "That's \_\_\_!" ("You shouldn't be doing that!")
- 29 Tom Hardy's Marvel character  
 30 Soft Cell song, "\_\_\_ Love"  
 31 Pueblo brick  
 32 Pueblo mister  
 33 Iota preceder  
 36 Lisa Simpson's instrument  
 38 Coercion  
 39 What "vidi" means  
 43 Mike and Sully's employer, Monsters \_\_\_  
 45 \_\_\_ blaster (audio player associated with urban locales)  
 46 Director of "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind", Michel \_\_\_
- 47 Detach, as a brooch  
 50 Answer an invitation  
 51 Dust Bowl migrant  
 52 Main idea  
 53 Type of acid that can lead to gout  
 54 Jewish month associated with Esther  
 56 The 2001 census recorded this as the religion of 1.5% of New Zealanders  
 57 Corporate suit  
 58 Puts on, as clothes  
 60 New Zealand band known for their one hit "How Bizarre"  
 61 "Are we there \_\_\_?"