



ACROSS

- 7 John returned carrying English meat (4)
- 8 French writer's oeuvre bad, I fancy (2,8)
- 10 Animal, canine, I have, with careful approach, turned back (5,3)
- 11 Blight is able to kill every rose at the outset (6)
- 12 Father backed opening or introduction (6)
- 13 Group of stars raced back to party for artist (8)
- 15 Sort of like many boutique shoppers? (5,1,7)
- 18 Booze making you largely opinionated when probing dodgy data (8)
- 20 Sign that millions will be invested in military forces (6)
- 22 Wise fellow positioned around front (6)
- 24 Grape, unripe, offering no end of intestine pain (8)
- 25 Kooky vet alone carries the Spanish soap opera (10)
- 26 Oxygen in pack does for what's turning you blue (4)

DOWN

- 1 Corner worker receiving greeting late (6-4)
- 2 Claim cricket side tucked into beer (6)
- 3 Instructor to worry soldiers about French nobleman (8)
- 4 Ranch hand left for France, not Spain, nothing more (6)
- 5 Son leaving nasty dominating influence (8)
- 6 Comment not meant to be heard loses second assistant (4)
- 9 Beat Fate? Guilt may develop as a consequence of war (6,7)
- 14 Idiot subordinate to that man father's brought about (10)
- 16 Duplicitous Irish MP accepting much of information in sadness (3-5)
- 17 Key resort with caber tossing (5-3)
- 19 Side with no little force in performance (6)
- 21 Catcalls? End up on winning side initially (6)
- 23 State to show doubt, deposing leader (4)