Pickled black fungi, aged black vinegar

Serves 4-6

I love this cold starter, it's the perfect summer time entrée and a welcome addition to a light summer banquet or picnic, this recipe keeps well in the refrigerator and goes with poached white meat and steamed seafood.

For the Black fungi

200g fresh black fungi, hard stems trimmed with scissors 20g ginger, cut into fine julienne 30g vegetable oil 30g xiao xing rice wine Heat vegetable oil in a wok, add black fungi and stir fry for 1 minute, add xiao xing rice wine and stir fry for a further minute, drain into a colander and allow to cool to room temperature,

Black vinegar and chilli Dressing

35ml chilli oil
100ml water
300ml soy sauce
60ml sesame oil
10g garlic, grated on a microplane
90mls vegetable oil
180ml black vinegar
250g sugar syrup
20g ginger, grated on a microplane
Mix all ingredients together, this dressing can keep for 2 weeks refrigerated

To assemble

10g coriander leaves, picked

Mix the stir fried wood fungi with the dressing to taste and allow to marinate for 12 hours in the refrigerator, to serve spoon mixture with ample amounts of marinade to dress, and garnish with coriander leaves.