

# the 12 drinks of christmas

We asked our favorite sommeliers, authors, and cocktail-savvy friends for holiday-inspired drinks to get your party buzzing

## 1 Pomegranate Passion Float

Pour 1 ounce pomegranate liqueur into a Champagne flute. Add 3 to 4 ounces sparkling wine, leaving at least 1 inch at top of the glass. Add a small scoop of passion fruit sorbet. Makes 1 cocktail.

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## 2 Happy Elf

Combine 1 ounce melon liqueur, 2 ounces citrus vodka, and 1 ounce white cranberry juice in an ice-filled shaker. Shake vigorously, and strain into a cocktail glass. Add cherries. Makes 1 cocktail.

**LET'S TOAST!**  
"May your home always be too small to hold all of your friends"  
—old Irish toast

## 3 Euphoric Eggnog

Combine 10 scoops French vanilla ice cream, 1½ cups eggnog, ½ cup bourbon, ½ cup brandy, 2 to 3 tablespoons orange liqueur, and ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg in a blender. Blend on lowest speed until mixture is smooth. Sprinkle each serving with grated chocolate or nutmeg. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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THIS AROMATIC DRINK IS GREAT FOR LARGE GROUPS

## 4 Cupola House Wassail

Combine 1 gallon apple cider, 2 (12-ounce) cans frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed, 3 (3-inch) cinnamon sticks, 1 tablespoon ground cloves, and ½ teaspoon ground allspice in a large nonaluminum pan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer 15 minutes. Place 4 dried apple rings, 1 thinly sliced orange, and 1 thinly sliced lemon in the bottom of a punch bowl. Add 4 cups white wine. Stir in warm cider mixture. Makes 22 cups.

*The Cupola House, a historic home and gardens on Edenton Bay in North Carolina, serves this warm and soothing wassail every year during its holiday celebration.*

SECRET INGREDIENT: ICE CREAM!