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Winter Cocktails: Mulled Ciders, Hot Toddies, Punches, Pitchers, And Cocktail Party Snacks



Synopsis

When the days grow longer and the air gets crisp, it's time to gather with friends for drinks that'll put a rosy glow on your cheeks. In *Winter Cocktails*, MarÃ- a del Mar Sacasa and Tara Striano share more than 100 seasonal recipes for cold-weather cocktails, like Hot Buttered Rum, English Christmas Punch, Pumpkin-Bourbon Eggnog, Irish Coffee, Coquito, Salted Caramel Hot Chocolate, the Old-Fashioned (and the New-Fangled!), Mama's Remedy, and the Kentucky Baby. Detailed, in-depth chapters cover hot toddies, mulled wines, and mulled ciders; spiked hot chocolates, eggnogs, coffees, and teas; punches and pitchers for serving a crowd; and chilled winter cocktails that have a magical warming effect. Foolproof recipes for infused liquors, simple syrups, and from-scratch ingredients like Fresh Tomato Juice and Homemade Sour Mix make it easy to craft drinks from the bottom up. Plus, you'll find ideas for elegant cocktail party bites that make pairing drinks and snacks a snap. Party prep is a breeze thanks to guides to pantry and fridge basics, the well-stocked bar, must-have tools, serveware, and glassware, plus tips for sourcing local and hard-to-find ingredients. Beautiful and instructive step-by-step photos explain essential techniques like muddling, prepping garnishes, making ice molds, and opening champagne. Whether you're throwing a party, lounging at a ski lodge, camping on a mountain, or just curling up with a good book on a blustery night, *Winter Cocktails* is sure to make the season bright.

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Customer Reviews

If your repertoire of hot alcohol drinks is limited to Irish Coffee, this is a great way to add some

innovative hot drinks for parties or just a cozy evening for two in front of a fire. I discovered a few of these during travel; we'd drink "gluhwein" (better than it sounds) in the "Christkindlmarkt" or Christmas markets of Germany and Alsace, France. You often visit these colorful craft markets in the dark in the evening, when it's cold. Everyone stands around with a mug of hot spiced wine, generally a sweet red or a mix of red and fruit wine like blueberry wine and aromatic spices like cinnamon, star anise and cloves. Takes off the chill and makes for a fun evening outdoors with friends. We also had "Patagonian Hot Chocolate" (cocoa with a shot of whiskey) after a freezing cold hike in Chile. It was a welcome finish to some exercise in the cold. This book has recipes for white hot chocolate, which I found very useful as the mixes can be often overly sweet and not very interesting. Here, you can adjust recipes to suit your own tastes rather than use a powdered mix. There are also recipes for mulled wines, white or red, and many other types of drinks from egg nogs to tea punches and toddies. You may not like all of these--I found some of them a bit sweet and gloppy but there were plenty of others that looked really good, like the white chocolates. If you are planning winter parties, this book could really provide some great recipes. If it's really cold on New Year's, a mulled wine could be a pleasant option in addition to the usual bubbly.

I saw this book first at the Whole Foods market priced somewhere around \$25. I loved that it had so many beautiful photos and great recipes, so I thought this would be a fun book to include in the wine gift baskets I'm making for a few people for Christmas, but decided to check first to see if I could find the book at a better price. Yep! Glad I checked. I bought 5 of these books on .

Early Grey, Lavender, hot chocolate, buttered rum, nutella, infusions and mulling spices oh my! The book has a nice graphic quality to it and a nice layout and small touches like the ribbon book mark make it feel luxurious and beautiful and definitely gift-worthy. Would make a great gift along with some whiskey stones and spices and spirits for a single recipe, that you could use the built-in ribbon to mark.

I came across this at the mall and found it cheaper online. This has a bunch of really tasty things in it that I've worked through this winter and I recommend it to people excited about mixology and aren't afraid to make something super cool with a little extra work.

Butterscotch eggnog. Mulled white wine. Spiked hot cocoa. If you're more the type to look towards brandy than brownies to warm yourself up when it gets nipper than a poorly trained chow-chow

then this book will get plenty of use as you joyfully stain pages with tangerine juice. A number of additional support recipes are provided such as various infusions, snacks, and how to make marshmallows for your cocoa. Basic bar techniques are also covered in photographic detail. I spent about four minutes in the store with this book before I decided to take it home (not without a quick stop at the store for the ingredients so my night would be filled with hot buttered rum laced with mace and vanilla bean).

For those interested in experimenting and researching the concept of hot alcoholic drinks, this book contains lots of ideas. It does address the basics of the more traditional drinks. But then adds a interesting concepts such as using bacon-infused bourbon. It also has wonderful additional sections. There is a section is on bar basics such as garnishes, glassware, opening champagne, etc. Another section is on how to make many of the nonstandard ingredients such as bacon-infused bourbon, various simple syrups, etc. Further sections cover interesting related recipes such as how to make homemade marshmallows, candied bacon, Mexican wedding cakes, etc. All in all an interesting book chocked full of ideas. It is also beautifully illustrated with many wonderful pictures. Certainly a fun book to read while sipping on a hot toddy on a winter's evening.

This is a well thought out selection of adult beverages to keep you warm from October to March. The recipe ideas go from basic to very sophisticated. Also useful are a myriad of clearly described techniques to infuse spirits and sweeteners with layers of flavor. Keep this little book by your home bar and you may never go cold again.

An brilliant book full of great seasonal drinks! Although some go the ingredients the regular person may not have on hand, which means that in a short while you will have one of the greatest and well stocked bars around!

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