

# Best New Year's Day Pairings - Champagne & Bloody Marys

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For many, 2016 was surreal. So surreal that the word became Merriam-Webster's Word of the Year. As we look to close out the year, we thankfully have two holidays to look forward to: December 31 is National Champagne Day and January 1 is National Bloody Mary Day. From champagne cocktails to hangover-curing Bloody Marys, we've rounded up some of the best restaurants and bars to celebrate New Year's Eve and to cure the pain the day after.

## Champagne Dreams

[The Ivy Hotel](#), Baltimore, MD

Take time to celebrate National Champagne Day with a crafted sparkling drink and cheers to the New Year at The Magdalena, the informal fine-dining bistro at The Ivy Hotel. The spiffy "Good Tidings" is created with muddle sugar cubes, bitters, quince puree and orange wedge. Grand Marnier is added over ice with a good shake and strained into a beautiful champagne flute. Then, 1 1/2 ounce of champagne is gently poured.

[The Nantucket Hotel & Resort](#) | Nantucket, MA

Along with a considerable selection of champagne by the glass and bottle, guests at The Nantucket Hotel + Resort's restaurant, Breeze, can enjoy their bubbly champagne cocktail: Champagne CocktACK. A crisp and elegant cocktail, it's created with 888 Vanilla Vodka and Verve Clicquot - topped with a Honey and Vanilla Bean Garnish - putting a sweet twist on the classic champagne cocktail.

The US GRANT Hotel, San Diego | CA

Creative cocktail master Jeff Josenhans, of the Grant Grill at the US GRANT Hotel, has two house-made champagne cocktails that are completely unique to the hotel's bar. Crafted in the "Cocktails Sur Lie" method, where the bubbles are made in the bottle, Josenhans has created The Mule, a unique Champagne fermented cocktail with vodka, ginger, muscat and cascade hops. The La Grenade uses the same Champagne method and combines cognac, hibiscus tea, pomegranate juice, bay leaves and black pepper.



*Toast the New Year with W Los Angeles' festive Holiday Champagne served at STK and The Living Room Bar. (Photo courtesy of W Los Angeles.)*

Holiday Champagne | [W Los Angeles – West Beverly Hills](#) | Los Angeles, CA

Toast the New Year with W Los Angeles' festive Holiday Champagne served at STK and The Living Room Bar. Pop, fizzle and clink with this refreshing combination of champagne pomegranate and rosemary to create a seasonal twist on the traditional flute.

Cranky J cocktail at [The Front Yard](#) | [The Garland](#) | Los Angeles, CA

Kick-off 2017 with The Front Yard's expertly crafted champagne cocktail creation, the Cranky J. This bubbly libation is a blissful mix of champagne, Nolet's gin and St. Germaine, topped with lemon juice and hints of sage.

[SPLASHES at Surf and Sand Resort](#), Laguna Beach, CA

What better way to welcome in 2017 than near the water, or, specifically, among the sounds of California's rolling surf at Surf and Sand Resort's SPLASHES restaurant. Pair beautiful seaside dining with exceptional views as the sun sets over the water and toast to the good life (literally!) with La Bonne Vie. Translating to the good life, the refreshing cocktail combines Ketel One vodka, St. Germaine, grapefruit juice and champagne with views of the Laguna Beach shoreline where the waves of the Pacific meet 500 feet of pristine white sand, providing sweeping views of the ocean and illusions of never ending blue.

[Northstar California Resort](#)

Renowned for its laid-back California luxury and style, experience the mountains and bubbly with Northstar's daily bubbles on the slopes delightfully coined Tōst. Throughout the winter season, Northstar will host tōst, a celebratory culinary tradition that redefines the art of the honorary toast. Northstar invites guests to raise their flutes and sip bubbles each day on East Ridge run at 2 p.m. (including New Year's Eve) complete with fire pits and comfortable snow-seating set in the midst of the forest. New for 2016-2017, every aspect of the daily tradition will be enhanced from the employee uniforms to the décor and now featuring an exclusive VIP area with elevated furniture, an extensive collection of bubbles to choose from in a special atmosphere enclosed by snow walls on the mountain.

[The Ritz-Carlton, Naples](#) | Naples, Florida

The Twilight Romance is a zesty alternative to sip on for this upcoming National Champagne Day, rather than a flute of plain bubbly. The zesty champagne cocktail, which is offered at the hotel's modern sushi bar DUSK, uses of Tanqueray gin, yuzu juice, house made-pink grapefruit sugar and Champagne and served with a Campri-soaked cube.

[Resort at Pedregal](#) | Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

I love any kind of dining or imbibing near water and while I can't jet set to the Resort at Pedregal, perhaps you can and report back. The Resort at Pedregal has a renowned, award-winning dining and beverage program including the [Champagne Terrace at El Farallon](#) overlooking the Pacific Ocean where the delicate suppleness and true magic of Champagne is highlighted in the beautiful setting which is reminiscent of a Mediterranean mountainside village. The Champagne Terrace offers a selection of over 15 different

champagnes ranging from Blanc de Blancs to Vintage Champagnes. Have a glass of champagne for me, please.

#### [Thompson Playa del Carmen](#) | Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Another option for you jet setters is the chance to sip in style at Thompson Playa del Carmen with its Cinco Bellin. The champagne-inspired libation is a harmonious blend of prosecco, white tequila, peach liqueur, passion fruit puree and lemon grass syrup. Guests at Thompson Playa del Carmen can enjoy this signature cocktail atop the property's 30,000 square foot rooftop playground at its on-site Mexican restaurant, Cinco.

#### The Day After: Bloody Marys

On New Year's Day, when the champagne celebrations end, the Bloody Mary reality hits. No worries, friends. We have you covered. Our recommendation would be to cozy up with a Bloody Mary on New Year's Day to help take the edge off the aftereffects of last night's revelry.

#### [Juniper Bloody Mary](#) | Hotel Vermont | Burlington, VT

Created by lead mixologist Cameron Keitel from the hotel's restaurant, Juniper, this Bloody Mary is quintessentially Vermont: in partnership with small-batch meats purveyor Vermont Smoke & Cure, it's topped with a bacon-flavored meat stick (for a dose of quality protein), and it's mixed with vodka indigenous to the Green Mountain State. And – given the cocktail's chilly origin – it brings the heat with a few generous dashes of hot sauce.

#### [The Nantucket Hotel & Resort](#) | Nantucket, MA

I'll admit, I'm not usually a fan of mossy green-looking drinks but I'll make an exception for The Nantucket Hotel + Resort's Green Bloody MACKY, a twist on the original Bloody Mary. Available at Breeze, the hotel's restaurant, guests can enjoy this refreshing green drink created with Cucumber and Fennel with 888 Vodka - topped with all you can desire on a Bloody - shrimp, lime and a hot pepper.



*Newly-opened Prospect at Scribner's has already developed a reputation for its Bloody Mary, made extra spicy, with house-made Bloody Mary Mix and garnished with lemon, celery and a dill sprig. (Photo courtesy of Prospect at Scribner's.)*

#### [Prospect at Scribner's - Bloody Mary](#)

Just opened last month, Prospect at Scribner's has already developed a reputation for its Bloody Mary. Hand-crafted by two pros behind the bar, Prospect's Bloody Mary is a hair of the dog not to be missed. The concoction is made extra spicy, with house-made Bloody Mary Mix and garnished with lemon, celery and a dill sprig.

#### [Inn at Dos Brisas - Washington, TX](#)

The best cocktails are those that use fresh ingredients. It doesn't get any more fresh than this. Set on a 42-acre USDA-certified organic farm, specializing in heirloom fruits and seasonal vegetables, Inn at Dos Brisas offers a signature Bloody Mary made with fresh tomatoes that were picked from the farm that morning, in addition to fresh grated horseradish, ancho chiles, lemon juice, radishes, house-pickled peppers, celery and Tobasco. The idyllic retreat sits on 313 acres in the southern foothills of the Texas Hill Country and boasts the only Forbes Five Star restaurant in Texas, with an every-changing menu that comes from the farm without use of hormones, synthetic fertilizers or pesticides.

#### [Bistro One LR at The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach | Miami, FL](#)

Want to take matters into your own hands? Guests can feel like a mixologist for a day by shaking up their own Bloody Mary at Bistro One LR at The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach. The perfect mixture of spicy and tangy ingredients like pickles, hot sauce, olives and pepper create this well-balanced cocktail, shaken to order.

#### [FIREHOUSE American Eatery + Lounge | San Diego, CA](#)

Are you noticing a pattern here? Maybe it's because I'm stuck in Chicago where all I see is snow so I'm dreaming of the beach. At FIREHOUSE American Eatery + Lounge, guests can enjoy the ocean breeze while sipping on a the classic FIREHOUSE Bloody Mary, which pays homage to its roots combining Absolut Vodka and a secret house recipe. Something tells me I need to hit the beach soon.



*Celebrate the New Year at Hotel del Coronado's famous Sunday Brunch Bloody Mary Bar. (Photo courtesy of Hotel del Coronado.)*

[Hotel del Coronado](#) | Coronado, San Diego

Celebrate the New Year at Hotel del Coronado's famous Sunday Brunch Bloody Mary Bar. During Crown Room brunch, guests can enjoy expertly made Bloody Mary's concocted with celery, cucumber, jalapeño and lemon infused vodka and freshly made Bloody Mary mix containing over 25 ingredients including horseradish, Worcestershire sauce, and Tabasco sauce. Served in a glass rimmed with Black Sea salt, then garnished with a cucumber spear, a lime and crab leg.

[The Spa at Rancho Bernardo Inn](#) | San Diego, CA

Rancho Bernardo Inn offers the Bloody Rosemary, infused with the freshest seasonal ingredients. The Bloody Rosemary takes a light spin on the traditional Bloody Mary with rosemary infused vodka, tomato

mix, olive juice, seasoning, and lime, topped with olives, cherry tomatoes, and a sprig of chef's garden rosemary.

[Flour & Barley - Brick Oven Pizza](#) | Las Vegas and San Diego

Recover from the last night of 2016 and kick off 2017 with a big Flour & Barley Bloody Mary in one hand and a slice of mouth-watering pizza in the other. The Flour & Barley Bloody Mary is packed with delicious flavors, including bacon-infused vodka house-made Bloody Mary mix, fresh tomato water, and garnished with sopressata, Fontina cheese and artichoke. The cocktail can be enjoyed at both Las Vegas and San Diego locations.

[Tavern on the Square at The Arrabelle at Vail Square](#) | Vail, CO

Tavern on the Square at The Arrabelle serves up delicious twists on classic drinks and is a great way to unwind after a hard day hitting the slopes. Gather friends and recover from New Year's celebrations with the Bacon-Infused Bloody Mary, combining house infused Ketel One vodka house with bacon "goodness," and homemade mountain Bloody Mary. Made with premium vodka and pieces of thick cut bacon whose flavor seeps into the mix of spices and spirits, the drink's pinnacle is a piece of candied bacon served in every glass.



*FIRE's brunch options include the ultimate Bloody Mary, complete with a Colorado beef slider on top. (Photo courtesy of FIRE Restaurant at the ART Hotel.)*

[FIRE Restaurant](#) at the ART Hotel | Denver CO

Cocktails alongside art? Yes, please! Guests can dine inside among the restaurant's premier in-house art collection, or al fresco on FIRE's rooftop terrace delight in FIRE's brunch with the ultimate Bloody Mary, complete with a Colorado beef slider on top. This savory brunch cocktail is a meal in itself topped with a juicy bison slider with tender belly bacon and chipotle ketchup, and garnished with a fresh lemon slice, cocktail onion, a piparra pepper, and a blue cheese stuffed olive to complement the premium vodka infused drink, sure to wake you right up and cure any morning woes.

[The Mulia, Mulia Resort & Villas](#) | Bali, Indonesia

Finally, for those of you waking up near the Indian Ocean in Bali, why not head to The Mulia. There you can soak in breathtaking views while sipping on the Roasted Bloody Mary Cocktail which includes celery and bell pepper infused vodka, roasted San Marzano tomatoes, toasted black pepper, fresh lemon juice, Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce, little Bali spice (soy sauce & chili sauce) and tabasco pepper sauce.