



Festive spirits at local bars to cheer in the holidays

The Kana Kaloka Swizzle, one of this season's festive holiday cocktails at Polite Provisions, which is hosting a 2018 Miracle Pop-Up tiki-themed event through Dec. 31. (Randy Schmidt)



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From cranberry margaritas to chai-spiced rum drinks and fall apple cocktails, local mixologists are shaking things up for the Christmas holidays. Here's a look at this season's most creative cocktails at local bars and restaurants.

Pascuales

Waterbar's holiday craft cocktail combines Cazadores Reposado, dry curacao, cinnamon-spiced syrup, apple juice and lemon juice. waterbarsd.com

Caribbean Autumn

Cloak & Petal's tiki-meets-Japan seasonal cocktail is made with Malahat spice rum, demerara syrup, lime juice, cashew milk and Peychaud's bitters. cloakandpetal.com



Fireside coffee at Wood Ranch barbecue restaurant will warm up the holidays. (Courtesy photo)

Fireside Coffee

Wood Ranch warms up the holidays with this creamy update on a classic with hot coffee, an ice cream base, Kahlua, RumChata and Bailey's Irish Cream. woodranch.com



The Washington St. Hot Cider cocktail at Farmer's Bottega. (Courtesy photo)

Washington St. Hot Cider

Farmer's Bottega's heartwarming holiday cocktail combines Bärenjäger Honey Bourbon, apple cider, Greenbar Apple Bitters and fresh lemon. farmersbottega.com

Busy Bee

Get ready for Black Friday shopping with Union Kitchen & Tap winter warmup, made with rye, tamarind, honey and infused red wine. localunion101.com

Spiced Coldchata

Pacific Beach AleHouse's seasonal cocktail mixes cold-brew coffee, horchata extract and Jägermeister, garnished with a cinnamon stick. pbalehouse.com



The Toki Old Fashioned cocktail at The Smoking Gun. (Courtesy photo)

Toki Old Fashioned

The Smoking Gun's winter fireside drink is made with Toki Japanese whiskey, blood orange Rossa Amara liqueur and black walnut bitters. thesmokinggunsd.com

How Do You Like Them Apples?

Farmer's Table celebrates the fall harvest with a shot of bourbon, a dash of chocolate bitters, a dash of cold-pressed apple, a dash of maple, one frozen nitro coffee ice cube and a mini Calvados Apple garnish. myfarmerstable.com



The CranMerry Margarita holiday cocktail at Del Sur Mexican Cantina. (Courtesy photo)

CranMerry Margarita

Del Sur Mexican Cantina gives thanks for this seasonal cocktail made with blanco tequila, orange and lime juices, homemade cranberry jam, five-spice rum and a spring of mint. delsurmexicancantina.com