

# ISLAND STYLE

Greetings:

We love living in the islands! We especially love spending time relaxing with friends over the holiday season enjoying great food and refreshing cocktails. These are two of our favorites. Well these and any beverage made with champagne!

Have a happy Island Style holiday!

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Recipe of the Month Holidays 2011

### Pomegranate Punch

4 cups pomegranate juice	2 cups fresh mint leaves
1 cup fresh lime juice (from about a dozen limes)	2 limes, sliced
1 cup chilled simple syrup	2 cups light rum
	Ice and chilled club soda

Pour pomegranate juice, lime juice and simple syrup into a large pitcher. Stir in mint leaves, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Strain mixture through a fine-mesh sieve into a clean pitcher. Decorate a tray with lime slices. Stir rum into mint-infused pomegranate mixture. Fill 12 glasses with ice and divide punch among glasses leaving room for a splash of club soda and serve.

### Cranberry Sangria

2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries	½ cup brandy
1 cup sugar	1 cup fresh orange juice
1 cup water	Garnishes: fresh cranberries, orange, lemon and lime slices
1 (750 milliliter) bottle of fruity red wine	

Mix first 3 ingredients to a boil in a medium sauce pan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes or until cranberries pop. Pour mixture through a wire-mesh strainer into a bowl using the back of a spoon to squeeze out juice. Discard solids. Transfer cranberry mixture to a large pitcher. Stir in wine, brandy and orange juice. Chill 2 hours. Stir over ice, garnish with fresh cranberries and fruit slices. Makes 6 cups.

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