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## HAPPY HOUR

### Don't like eggnog? 5 great spots for holiday drinks

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An eggnog-hating reader requested some bars doing holiday-themed cocktails that *don't* involve eggnog. Scrooge! But we obliged anyway.

#### Rob Roy

This acclaimed Belltown bar boasts the best and most-elaborate Christmas-drink list in the city. Usually understated in décor, Rob Roy went all in this holiday season, complete with a ceiling of dangling ornaments and snowflakes and a twerking Santa (though this Santa appeared to have overworked from the weekend and was convalescing on a recent Monday).

It's been packed every night with Christmas revelers, and on a recent Saturday there was a line out the door.

Rob Roy is famous for its Advent Calendar of Cocktails, a different Christmas drink every night, served in cutesy Christmas-themed glassware.

They are ambitious cocktails,



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Rob Roy's Christmas drinks include the Crimson & Clover cocktail.

Calvados and spirit-forward drinks incorporating baking and holiday spices. Different from your usual candy-cane martini. Check out the spiked chocolate with the minty Fernet Branca Menta, dates, orange zest, vanilla and whipped cream that's featured on Dec. 20. The

workshop it's hosting this Saturday (Dec. 16) sums up the bar's Christmas mantra: "Holiday Drinks that Don't Suck."

Rob Roy, 2332 Second Ave., Seattle; 206-956-8423, robroyseattle.com. You can see its daily holiday drink special on Facebook.

#### Rumba

This Capitol Hill rum mecca does a trio of holiday drinks, including the best hot cocktail I've sampled so far, a Hot Zombie. Don't let all those bright, tropical notes (pineapple, passion fruit, cinnamon and lime) fool you. It's a potent rum blend.

Rumba, 1112 Pike St., Seattle; 206-583-7177, rumbaonpike.com

#### Revolution Wine Store and Bar

Few know this wine shop now has a liquor license and serves cocktails. It feels like a living-room setting, complete with Christmas tree and five comfy sofas to sink into and coffee tables to plop down your mulled wine and hot buttered rum. The fa-la-la decibel is low enough to carry a conversation without straining your voice, and you're not packed in like sardines, an ideal place to take your in-laws.

Revolution Wine, 518 E. Pike St., Seattle, 425-283-9085, revolutionwineshop.com

#### Copperleaf

Perhaps a drink before you fly out? Near the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Copperleaf boasts a holiday-themed menu including hot drinks—from a fancied-up toddy with pear eau de vie to a coffee with bourbon, pecan orgeat, chicory and cream.

Copperleaf, 18525 36th Ave. S., Seattle; 206-214-4282, cedarbrooklodge.com

#### Henry's Tavern

Both bars in SoDo and Bellevue feature hot bourbon cider along with decadent concoctions with truffles and chocolate. Its new South Lake Union location will also do Christmas drinks when it opens on Dec. 19.

500 Bellevue Way N.E., Suite 310, Bellevue; 425-697-9800, henrystavern.com

1518 First Ave. S., (Sodo) Seattle; 206-624-0501

501 Fairview Ave. N., (SLU) Seattle; not open until Dec. 19

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