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Cool Drink, Hot Chocolate

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It's not officially winter until December 21, but we're definitely starting to feel that cold weather creeping in. And while coffee and tea are great ways to keep warm, there's nothing quite like a cup of hot chocolate.

If you're planning a winter wedding, consider incorporating a cocktail containing hot chocolate into your event, or making one your signature drink. Event planner **Shawn Rabideau** (shawnrabideau.com), who's created events for celebrities like Jennifer Lopez and Barbara Walters, served this choco-concoction at a recent wedding he planned, and guests went wild for it:

Shawn Rabideau's Hot Choctail

- 8 ounces hot chocolate
- 1 1/2 ounces vanilla vodka
- 1 1/2 ounces Frangelico
- Dash cayenne pepper
- Whipped cream

Heat hot chocolate over the stove in a small pot. Add vanilla vodka, Frangelico and cayenne pepper and heat slowly so the mixture does not boil. When hot, pour mixture into a glass mug and top with whipped cream.

—Jessica Derschowitz

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