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Drink of the week

Ice wine martini

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With this chilly cocktail, executive chef J.W. Foster at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas may be showing a bit of nostalgia for the holidays in his native Canada. It's made with eiswein -- also called Icewine, and made from grapes frozen on the vine -- for which Canadian vintners are becoming famous. Make it yourself, or sip one inside the Fairmont, 1717 N. Akard St., Dallas; 214-720-2020 .

-- *June Naylor*

Ice wine martini

Serves 2

Small bunch of champagne grapes (see note)
4 ounces vodka, such as Canadian Iceberg
2 ounces ice wine, such as **Inniskillin**
Ice cubes

1. Freeze grapes until solid, about 2 hours. 2. Combine vodka and ice wine in a shaker with ice. Stir gently, then strain into a martini glass. Garnish with frozen grapes and serve.

Note: Champagne grapes are sold in the produce section at specialty grocers, such as Central Market.

