

POST CHRISTMAS SEASON / NACHWEIHNACHTZEIT

New Year's Eve: Silvesterabend (der 31. Dezember)

New Years Eve custom: Silvesterabendsitte
typical beverages: Silvestergetränke

heated wine with cinnamon (white) der Glühwein

Literally meaning 'Glow wine', the word traces its origins in the German-speaking world back hundreds of years, when hot irons were used to heat the wine.

The oldest documented consumption of Glühwein in Germany can be traced back to Count John IV of Katzenelnbogen, a German nobleman who was the first grower of Riesling grapes in the 15th century. Archeologists unveiled a special silver plated cup dating from 1420 which he used to sip the sweet and spicy drink.

Yet mulled wine reportedly didn't become known as a holiday drink until Charles Dickens mentioned it in his popular short story *A Christmas Carol* in 1843.

Traditionally drunk during the Christmas time, and served at Christmas markets, it's also a popular beverage in Nordic nations, which serve it up under different forms of the name Glogg.



Glühwein being happily consumed at Freiburg's 2018 Christmas market.