

## Add some flavor to your cocktails with balsamic vinegar

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Think balsamic vinegars can only be used for cooking? It's time to think again.

San Francisco bartender Carlo Splendorini has been using a secret ingredient from Italy to balance his cocktails perfectly. Since then he has helped establish Michelin-starred MICHAEL MINA San Francisco as a front-runner in

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We decided to put his recipe to the test using [Balsamic Vinegar](http://www.examiner.com/topic/balsamic-vinegar) (<http://www.examiner.com/topic/balsamic-vinegar>) of Modena products to see if they lived up to all the hype. We couldn't get enough of his creative New Year's gold cocktail that mixes traditional ingredients with a flavorful one that results in an amazingly unique treat.

Here's the recipe so you can try it on your own:

1 sugar cube soaked in good quality balsamic vinegar, such as Acetum Santorini Balsamic Vinegar of Modena

1/2 oz. rum

Champagne

orange peel (garnish)

Soak the sugar cube in the vinegar and place at the bottom of a champagne flute. Add the rum and slowly top with Champagne. Garnish with a twist of orange peel.

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