



## **Forresters Restaurant New Year's Eve Menu**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 from 5pm**

**2020 & 2021 has been an infamous year, we are looking for inspiration from around the world to give you the luckiest start for 2022! The inspiration for the following dishes has been taken from around the world using their traditional good luck customs (And bad luck if you're willing to risk it).**

### **Starters**

#### **Grape and Grappa Focaccia with Baked Mini Camembert**

**Spain - Eating 12 grapes, one for each month of the year brings good luck.**

#### **Layered Smoked Mackerel & Pickled Red Pepper Terrine, Dressed Leaves**

**Argentina - Fish with scales represent wealth in the coming year.**

#### **Tamales - Banana Leaf Stuffed with Spicy Meat Chickpeas & Cheese, Salad**

**Mexico - Share the making of these with other families to strengthen relationships for the new year.**

#### **Kuku Sabzi, Fresh Herb Frittata with Walnuts**

**Iran - Ancient Persian celebration of the new year to promote fertility.**

#### **French Onion Soup, Gruyère Crouton**

**France - The French don't seem to have any superstitions; they just have it because it tastes nice.**

#### **Fresh Crab Cakes with Feta Salad**

**China - Terrible for two reasons because for one, crabs walk sideways not forward so they are not making progress in the new year and they are white foods which signify death (are you taking the risk?)**

### **Main Courses**

#### **Hoppin' John - Black Eye Pea & Cajun Steak, Green Rice & Corn Bread**

**USA - Black eyed peas represent money, green rice is the colour of money & the corn bread represents gold all for wealth and prosperity in the new year.**

#### **Cotonino Con Lenticchie –**

#### **Italian Sausage & Lentil Stew, Served with Champagne Dijon Mustard Mash**

**Italy - Lentils imitate coins which represent wealth in the New Year, pork represents good progress since pigs feed forwards.**

#### **Chili & Marmalade Glazed Roast Pork Belly, Creamed Leek & Pancetta, Roasted Baby Potatoes**

**Czech Republic - Pigs are their favourite animal to eat on New Year's Eve as they eat forwards so it takes them forwards into the New Year with a bang.**

### **Pomegranate Molasses Baked Salmon,**

#### **Cauliflower & White Truffle Puree, Parsley Oil, Pomme Noisettes**

Greece - Smashing a pomegranate spreads seeds, the more seeds you spread the more wealth you'll have in the New Year (plus salmon is a scaly fish representing money)

### **Toshikoshi Soba Noodles, with Seafood Swiss Chard & Miso Pesto**

Japan - The long noodles symbolise a long life ahead.  
They're soft so easy to cut problems into smaller pieces.

### **Thai Spiced Sweetcorn Burger, Salad & Chips**

Belarus - Single Women try to entice a chicken with corn the one that gets it to come to her first will be the first to get married in the New Year.

### **Slow Cooked Lamb Shank, Mushroom and Madeira Sauce with Creamy Mashed Potatoes**

Indonesia - Sheep and cows are no good here as well as in many other countries as they eat standing still and no one wants to stay still in life.

### **Forrester's Famous Chicken Boursin, with Dauphinoise Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables**

Korea - Anything with wings means your luck can fly away at any moment so it's a no no,  
Chickens scratch backwards to feed - Who wants to go back and repeat last year!  
Plus, Boursin is white which again represents death.

## **Desserts**

### **Oliebollen - Doughnut Like Balls with Raisins & Spices, Served with Flavoured Cream**

Netherlands - Raisins are seen as a celebration of the future to come.

### **Glückschwein Tart –**

#### **Almond Flavoured Pigs in a Frangipane Tart Served with Chantilly Cream**

Germany & Austria - These are good luck pigs to bring prosperity into the new year.

### **Kransekage - Tower of Chocolate Rings Cake, with Raspberry & Chocolate Drizzle**

Denmark & Norway - The tower represents the tower of many new friends you'll make in the new year.

### **Galette Des Rois - Marzipan and Pastry Cake**

Belgium - Everyone takes a piece and there is a prize hidden.  
Whoever wins the prize chooses their king or queen.

### **Coconut & Lychee Cheesecake**

Thailand - If you still don't know the white food represents death and this is three different types of white foods for the absolute daredevils.

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### **Glass of Prosecco at Midnight**

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## **Bon Appetit**

2 courses £40 - 3 courses £48

Booking essential, Parties taken,  
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