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Fizz*A Millennium Guide to Champagne*BY DAWN LIERSCH  
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She may have crooned that diamonds are a girl's best friend, but rumour has it a bottle of bubbly was the secret behind Marilyn Monroe's sparkle.

The renowned blonde bombshell reportedly loved champagne so much, she bathed in 350 bottles of it. Her biographer, George Barris, said she inhaled the golden nectar as if it were oxygen.

Singer Tina Turner's belting voice is kept humming with champagne. Turner told *Elle Magazine* she has such an extensive champagne flute collection, she demands a new glass with every refill.

And top romance novelist Jackie Collins includes a frothy bottle in her line-up for a Valentine's Day dinner guaranteed to set the heart on fire.

From Napoleon Bonaparte, who is said to have dipped into his champagne stock before going to battle, to James Bond, who enjoys a cool bottle of Bollinger champagne in several flicks, champagne has quenched thirsts, soothed souls and sparked love and good times for celebrities in fact and fiction.

When Dom Perignon — the

Benedictine monk said to have invented champagne — described his first sip of bubbly like "drinking stars", little did he know it would grow to be the drink of stars, royalty and celebrities alike.

Discovered by accident, champagne has become a cream-of-the-crop staple in the lifestyles of the rich and famous — just think of the illustrious Robin Leach's blessing of champagne wishes and caviar dreams.

So it's no surprise champagne will be the drink of choice for ringing in the millennium — nothing else quite rises to the occasion.

The way it pops, fizzes and radiates a golden hue sets a celebratory mood similar to that of fireworks on a warm summer night.

In fact, a rumoured champagne shortage is included in the long list of Y2K dilemmas.

"Champagne has definitely become a hot item — and the millennium hasn't hurt," said Arlene Ray, a product consultant with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) in Aurora.

"People do feel obliged to have champagne in their hands."

It's unknown exactly why cham-

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*The next thousand years will be launched  
this New Year's Eve with champagne bottles  
popping as they never have before*

Photo: Arlene Ray, LCBO product consultant

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