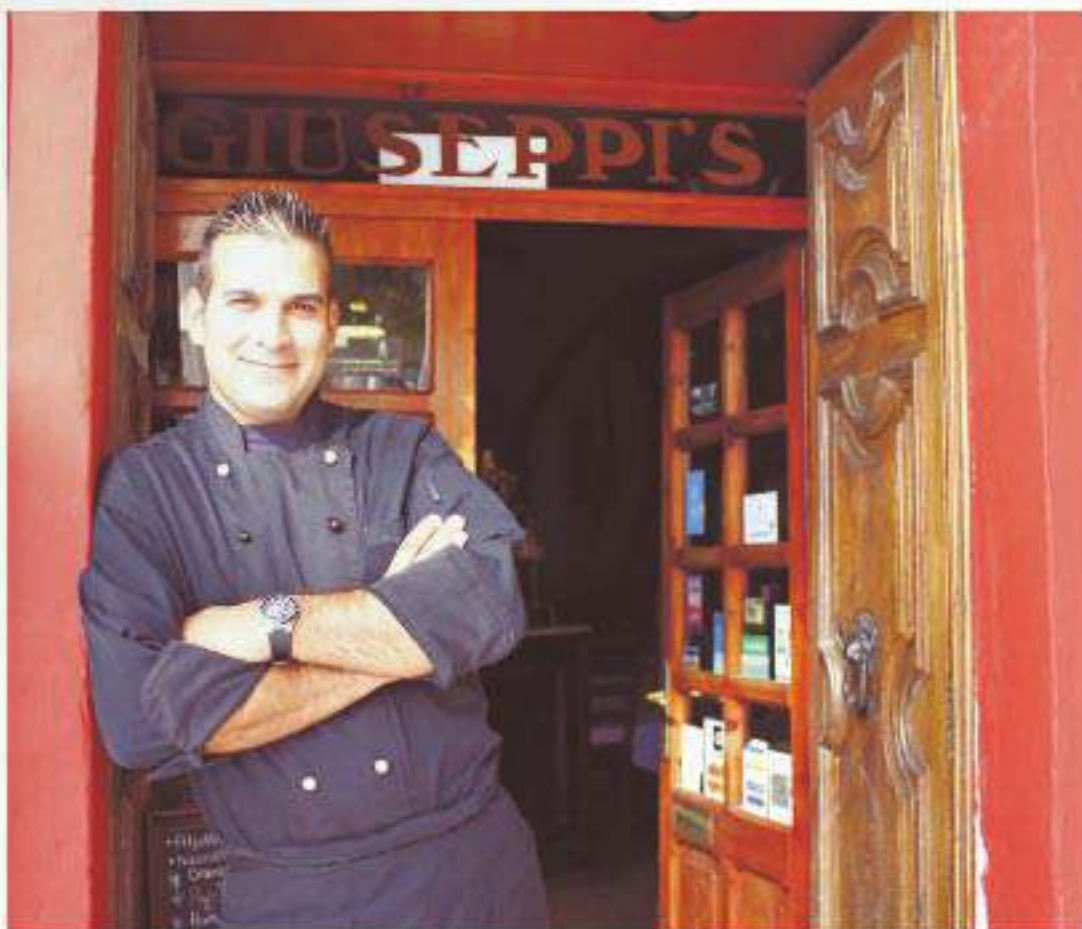


New Year's Eve AT HOME

On a night like New Year's Eve, staying in can be the new going out – to friends and family. But make things special by decorating your room and table beautifully and taking the trouble to prepare something a little different. It's one night of the year when you really should pull out the stops. MARK CAUCHI, who works with Michael Diacono at Giuseppe's in Mellieha, prepared this beautiful four-course menu. MARA CAMILLERI at Camilleri Paris Mode styled two different sorts of tables: a glowingly warm one laden with fruit and sweets, and a cool, white one with stunning ornamentation.

Food photography: Mark Asciak

Table photography: Ben Borg Cardona



Add warmth to cool white with candles, bottles, sparkling glasses and baroque sculptural forms on the table. This look is for those who like to keep it simple, but on New Year's Eve, you can't keep it too simple because it's a celebration. A square table like this one allows plenty of scope for creating a splendid centre piece - though take care not to block the view across the table and a round table will be the same.





When you have a table this beautiful, you can do away with the cloth and pile on the ornamentation, with glowing candles, trays of sugared almonds, sheaves of dark green leaves and orange fruit. Mara used a mix-and-match aesthetic for the plates. The two different sorts of chairs contrast nicely with each other, and it is their colour and tactility which links them together.



L'Objet's *Sous Le Ciel* range of porcelain ware seen earlier, made for Christmas and New Year celebrations. It has a touch of 1930s glamour about it, while being lively of the 21st century. By order from Camilleri Paris. Made in Rabat

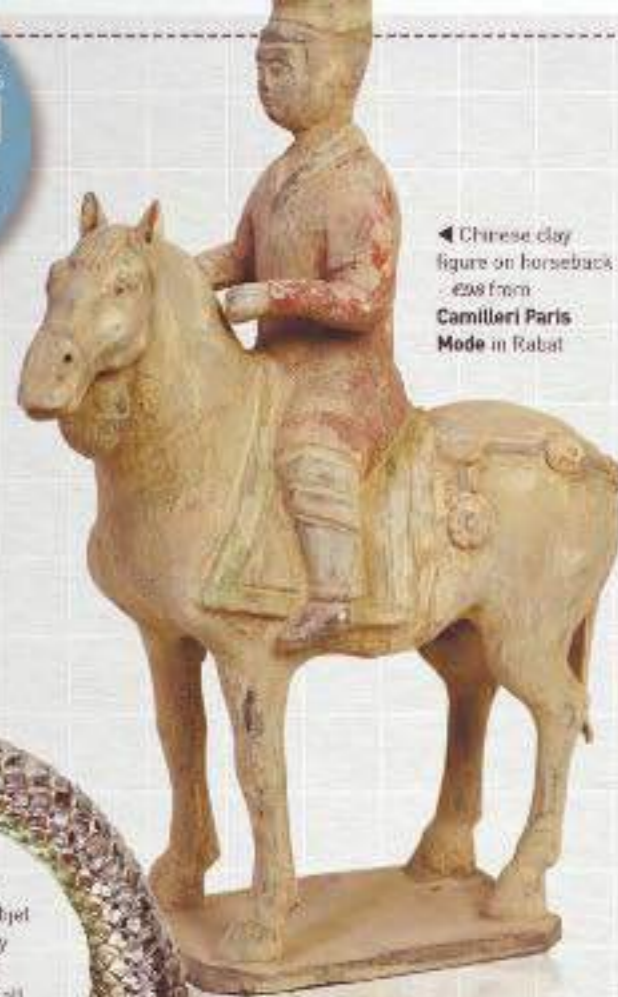
A gorgeous little flower-decorated coffee-pot, strictly for girls - €35.99 from Zara Home in Siema ▼



This silvery snake magnifying glass by L'Objet makes a marvellously frivolous Christmas present (which is what all the best presents should be) - €725 from Camilleri Paris. Made in Siema



◀ Chinese clay figure on horseback - €58 from Camilleri Paris. Made in Rabat



Sometimes, an elephant table-lamp is just what you need. This one is by Karo - €90 from The Atrium



▲ Blue and white dragon-painted pot - €29 from Fabulous Home in Moles



◀ Chinese clay standing figure - €50 from Camilleri Paris. Made in Rabat





▲ A real stunner: this graceful white ceramic pot of fruit is £139 from **Fifty-Five at Pippa Toledo Design** in St. Julian's. It looks wonderful on a coloured chest of drawers or raw wooden table.

On long, dark winter evenings, cheer yourself up with this tropical toucan cushion – €65 at **Gray & Adler** in Nazareth ▼



We love this vase; it looks like something you might find under the sea in some mystical world. And it's really affordable at: €55.99 from **Zara Home** in Slovenia ▶



▲ Another stunning vase in cobalt blue: the colour of a Greek summer. €55.99 from **Zara Home** in Slovenia

◀ This is the most strikingly beautiful coral-inspired range from the **Parisian house of L'Objet**. Coral coloured or coral shaped, it is really wonderful to look at and use. We especially like the coral-handled paper knife and magnifying glass. They are from **Cavallotti Parzi Made in Rabat and Slovenia**

