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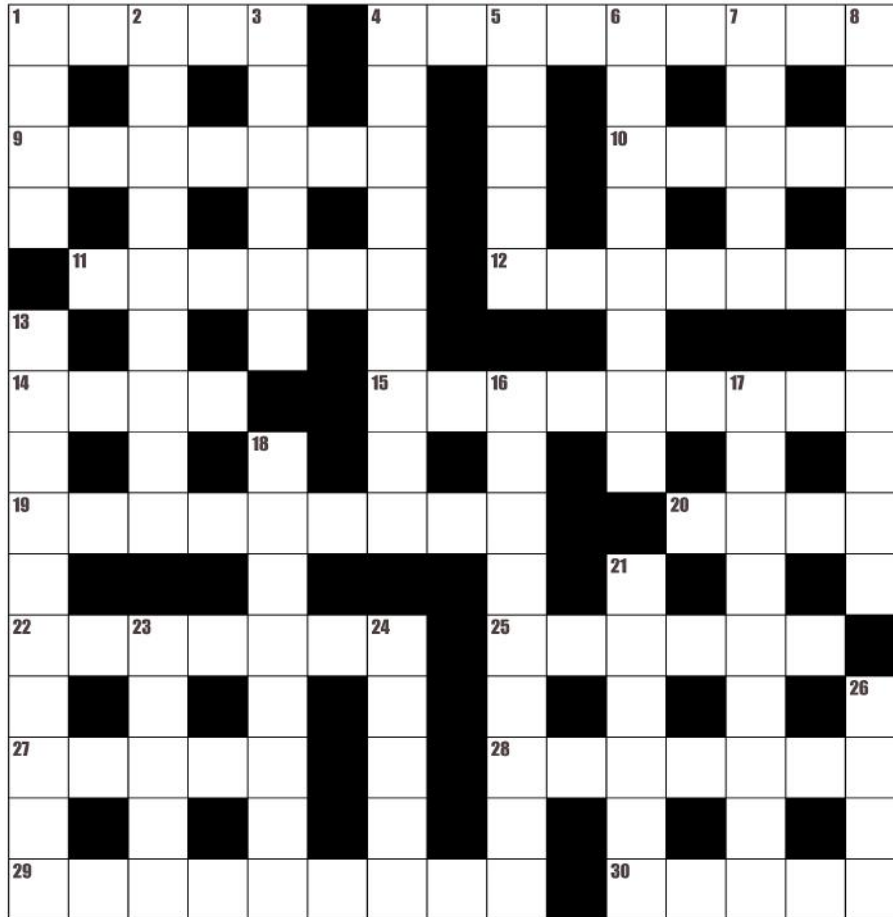
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ACROSS

- 1 Vine berry (5)
- 4 Strengthened, like port, sherry or Madeira (9)
- 9 Gin berry (7)
- 10 How many sleeps till Christmas, on the 17th (5)
- 11 One of five starts an appellation in the Loire Valley (6)
- 12 Some Beaujolais, on the 16th November, 2023 (7)
- 14 It's baking in here (4)
- 15 A socialist pulse in the soup? (3, 6)
- 19 Sparkling red wine from northern Italy (9)
- 20 Ladies' fingers are all right next to the Royal Academy (4)
- 22 Marvel, wonder (2, 2, 3)
- 25 Rías _____, wine region in Galicia (6)
- 27 Singer loses head, but makes rule after reshuffle (5)
- 28 Let slip origin in time—a job for a plumber (7)
- 29 A roomful of stretchers (4, 5)
- 30 Band from the watering hole? (5)

DOWN

- 1 I-jog-backwards berry (4)
- 2 How the Romans sometimes banqueted—in their own words (2, 7)
- 3 Spain, as they say in Spain (6)
- 4 Brettanomyces can make your wine smell like these (9)
- 5 Greeting card favourite hasn't given up on twitter (5)
- 6 Square, square, square—yet as cool as can be (3, 5)
- 7 Mingle topless where the heat is on (5)
- 8 Information transfer, to the cloud, perhaps (4, 6)
- 13 Festive fruit sounds like a film star (5, 5)
- 16 Seasonal ding-dongs, often with a guest appearance (9)
- 17 Stay awake in confusion for fast food (9)
- 18 Runnymede agreement distilled into brandy—no ta! (8)
- 21 Opera biscuit? (6)
- 23 In the choir, me? Sounds like it (5)
- 24 Has a walk-on part, something above and beyond (5)
- 26 More than one Cork river may enrich your wine (4)

~ Completed entries to us in person, by post or to crossword@bubblebrothers.ie before Sunday 7th January, 2024 please ~

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