

Thanksgiving Day Wines

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Cidre du Vulcain “Trois Pepins” NV 33

We tried this for the first time the other day and instantly knew it'd be on our Turkey Day list. It's fall forward with its mix of apple, pear, and quince and goes down so easy it might be gone before the appetizers hit the table. Pro tip on this baby is to buy two and have one with the feast and the other with day two turkey sandwiches.

Pierre Peters Brut Champagne France NV 67

We believe that we've won the argument that Champagne goes with everything – especially breakfast – but we're always game to put that theory to the test. This is what you need to be drinking while you wait for turkey and if you're not, well, sorry for y'all and more for us.

Tissot Crémant de Jura France NV 36

This sparkling wine is new, new, new: new on the shelves, new to the state, new to the top of our list! The wines of the Jura are the latest darlings of the wine world – which basically means they're rare/unknown – and the first sips of this sparkler will explain why. It's fresh and clean yet offers a savory complexity that lends itself to any number of Thanksgiving treats.

Copain Chardonnay Anderson Valley CA 2016 30

If we pour it by the glass you bet your turkey we like it, but we don't mind being tested and neither does this wine. It's clean and fresh like its Euro relatives but still buxom enough to not get odd looks from its Cali cohorts. Ripe melon prevails alongside notes of lemon curd and spice.

Domaine Denizot Sancerre France 2019 28

We would be remis if we didn't include a Sancerre in the line-up; so here it is, that perfectly refreshing, expertly crafted glass of crisp, clean juice. Did somebody say shrimp cocktail?! (This is another great new find at AV)

Arlaud Haut Cotes Nuits Blanc France 2018 44

This is a white buffalo wine (pun intended). Arlaud is one of the most respected and sought after producers of Pinot Noir walking the hills of Burgundy, yet here we have his white and oh boy is it delicious. It conveys all of the finesse and expertise one can expect from this legend. Plus it's rare, so that's fun.

Kruger-Rumpf Riesling Nahe Germany 2019 21

A house fave, this wine is fresh 'n juicy with mouthwatering acidity and just a whiff of sweet – more ripe fruit than candy syrup.

Ostertag Pinot Blanc Alsace FR 2019 28

This, “gorgeous barrel-aged Pinot Blanc is an ethereal, supremely fine glass of wine, as if they figured out how to bottle clouds.” We usually like to come up with our own witty analogies, but, as in this case, when it's stated so perfectly, why step all over it?

Albert Boxler Gewurztraminer Alsace FR 2017 56

We know, we know, only grannies like Gewurtz, but this one's different. This is a pure expression of the lush peppery glory that keeps the variety alive. So don't be scared, take a guzzle and make those grannies proud.

Haute Olive Cab. Franc Chinon FR 2018 23

Cab Franc, like turkey, is one of those things that's easy to screw up; too stemmy, too green, too lean etc. Well, not this one – nor any on our shelves for that matter – here we have a perfect specimen: dark red fruit, tobacco, and just the right amount of spice.

Ronchi Nebbiolo Barbaresco Italy 2016 37

If Barbaresco is the feminine to Barolo's masculine, this wine is a tomboy. It has the soft edges and approachability as well as the tar and grip: a bridge between two worlds – something we all need these days.

Siduri Pinot Noir Santa Rita Hills CA 2017 35

What good Cali Pinot can and should be. Well structured yet easily drinkable, this wine displays a purity of fruit that could make a turkey blush.

Villemade Bovin Gamay Loire Valley 2019 29

This is one chillable, chugable, tasty as all get out, litre of wine comin at ya! No need to say anything but pour some more and where's the turkey? Plus the bottles are repurposed, vintage milk bottles – hence the name and label – which is super cute.

Dom. des Marrans Gamay Fleurie France 2018 28

Beaujolais is about as iconic as it gets when it comes to turkey wines, so we thought why not include one of the best. This beauty from a young and talented – not to mention handsome – winemaker rife with ripe red fruit and just enough of that carbonic bright fruit to keep you smiling through that second plate full of food.

Heger Tuniberg Pinot Noir Germany 2016 20

About as light as Pinot can get, this wine is what the lovely Virginia would call scrumptious! Bright notes of cranberries, tart cherries, and a touch of earth offer the perfect foil to any turkey feast.