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What to drink this weekend: Tariquet Rosé de Pressée

Start planning your Thanksgiving wine selections by trying this sustainable rosé this weekend.
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Choosing wines for a traditional Thanksgiving meal shouldn't be stressful. (Photo: [Quayside/Shutterstock](#))

I don't think that turkey should be the concern when [pairing wines](#) with Thanksgiving dinner. I think a bigger concern is foods like cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes that are traditional sides to the bird. I want a wine that isn't going to go sour in my mouth after a forkful of cranberry sauce or a sweet squash casserole.

[Tariquet Rosé De Presse](#), a rosé from Southwest France made from Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Syrah, is one of those wines that works for Thanksgiving for me. I didn't recreate a Thanksgiving dinner to test this out, but I did pull out some rotisserie chicken and a little cranberry sauce from my refrigerator to taste alongside of the wine.



The Tariquet Rosé is a nice complement to the chicken, especially the dark meat. It also held up really well with the sweet-tart cranberry sauce, not becoming sour (which I find many of the bold red wines I love do) after a bite.

This wine has a nice acidity (which helps it hold up to that cranberry sauce), and is light and refreshing. It's fruity (strawberries, apple), a little spicy, and dry. If you're choosing wine for a crowd at Thanksgiving with varying palates and levels of wine knowledge, I think this would be a welcome choice. And, I think this weekend is the right one to start tasting wines if you're starting to plan your Thanksgiving menu, or planning what you'll be taking to someone else's home on Thanksgiving.

The Grassa, family, owners of Tariquet, were an early adopter of environmentally best practices in Southwest France, and they embrace sustainability with practices like fertilizing with organic manure, decreasing pesticide use while using choosing pesticides that respect the wildlife, and collecting rainwater to wash their tractors and farming equipment throughout the year.

There is no perfect Thanksgiving wine because everyone's palate is different. Because of that, I don't stress much over the wines, offering several choices so hopefully everyone has something like. If I can find some wines that I know won't fight the traditional flavors of a dinner, I'm particularly happy to offer them at the Thanksgiving table, and Tariquet Rosé is one I'd be happy to offer – especially with its budget friendly suggested retail price of \$11.99.

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