



Tastings

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Here's a new idea for the holidays this year: On turkey day, how about giving thanks for the increased availability of America's wine bounty by seeking out a Pinot Noir from Oregon?

We couldn't help but think that many of these wines would be quite perfect with our Thanksgiving dinner of roast turkey, bread stuffing and all of the classic side dishes. The wines often had the same kind of tangy life that cranberry sauce adds to the plate, but also the kind of earthiness that we associate with the herbed stuffing and roasted poultry. We know the holidays seem a long way off, but we are offering this column now to give you some extra time to try to find an Oregon Pinot Noir -- maybe for Thanksgiving, or for entertaining, or as a present. Good wine stores in your area probably have some, and you can find more by spending some time on the Internet. It's worth the trouble.

The Dow Jones Oregon Pinot Noir Index

Benton-Lane Winery 2002	\$19.99	Good/Very Good	Filled with life. Quite vibrant, with abundant acidity that makes it good with meals.
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