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Chocolate Espresso Pecan Pie
In the not-so-distant past, when you mentioned American wine, people automatically thought of California. But this is no longer the case. Though California wine still gets the lion’s share of press and accolades, you can now find wineries in every state. The range of wines produced is incredibly diverse, and the quality keeps improving. So this Thanksgiving, look no further than our fifty states for your wine selections.

To get you started and help you sort through regions, styles, and varietals, I picked a handful of delicious and perfectly affordable wines from six American wine-producing states. With their moderate alcohol content and restrained oak and tannins, they’re all great choices for the big turkey dinner. (To find sources, see p. 92).

What is an appellation?
An appellation is a defined winegrowing and winemaking region, and there are three types in the United States: state, county, and American Viticulture Areas (AVA). An AVA can be as small as Cole Valley in California, with just over 150 acres, or as large as the Ohio River Valley, which spans six states and covers more than 200,000 square miles. Unlike European appellations, which specify the grape varieties grown along with grape-growing and winemaking practices, AVAs define only the geographical boundaries of an American wine region.
Some of the country’s oldest wineries are in the Finger Lakes region, including Dr. Konstantin Frank’s, the first in the U.S. to successfully grow high-quality wine grapes in a cold climate. In the last 20 years, Long Island, whose climate is reminiscent of that of France’s Bordeaux region, has also become a thriving wine region. Both areas are home to boutique wineries that make everything from Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Viognier for whites, to Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon for reds.

**Key appellations**

New York (state)
Finger Lakes (AVA)
Long Island (AVA)
North Fork of Long Island (AVA)
Hamptons Long Island (AVA)

**Wines to try**

**White:**

2006 Dr. Konstantin Frank Dry Riesling, Finger Lakes, $18

What it's like: Ripe apricot and nectarine fruit with hints of lime zest.

Great with: Roasted chicken or turkey with cranberry sauce but also tandoori chicken with ginger and lime and other Indian dishes.