Pairings for Thanksgiving







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This Thanksgiving, don't forget about cider — the crisp, refreshing complement to every dish on your table. From dry, sparkling varieties that cut through rich flavors to sweet blends that echo fall's harvest, cider brings out the best in turkey, sides and pie alike. Here's how to find your perfect pour for every course, courtesy of the experts at Dressler Estate.



First Course:

Lighter-flavored cider to pair with snacks and stimulate the appetite.

Examples: Fruited cider or hopped cider

Second Course:

Low-tannin, high-acid cider cuts through the flavors of the second course and cleanses the palate between hites Examples: These ciders usually do not reference specific apple varieties, as they are blends of common eating and juicing apples

Third Course:

High tannin-cider produced from cider-specific apple varieties will have a drying effect on the palate, standing up to the richer, meatier flavors of the third course.

Examples: These ciders will reference specific apple varieties or orchard sites

Fourth
Course:

Barrel-aged ciders, with notes of oak and toffee, will complement sweeter desserts.

Examples: Whiskey or bourbon barrel-aged ciders, or merlot barrel-aged cider for wine lovers

