TRY AN OFF-DRY SPARKLER

A slightly sweet bubbly is nimble enough to embrace the tacos' spectrum of bright, smoky, and fiery flavors.

Consider a moscato d'Asti from Italy. Although often served as an aperitif or with dessert, this sparkling wine has a hint of sweetness that makes it a soothing companion to spicy salsas, while its gentle, creamy bubbles complement the texture of crunchy vegetables or a creamy slaw.

Shown: Saracco, Moscato d'Asti, Italy, 2012 (\$17) Or: Rinaldi, "Bug Juice" Moscato d'Asti, Italy, 2011 (\$13)

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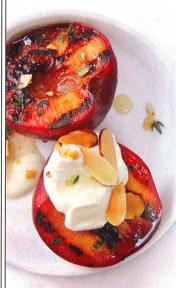
A lower-alcohol beer without aggressive hops is a mellow, refreshing match for a spicy fish taco.

Try a mild Mexican lager. These thirst-quenching brews are the perfect foil for punchy ingredients like chiles, herbs, and salsa, and a hint of grainy sweetness plays to the nutty-sweet corn tortillas. Don't forget the time-honored squeeze of lime into the bottle to add a bright, citrusy zing.

Shown: Modelo Especial (\$8/6-pack) Or: Pacifico (\$8/6-pack) -Jordan Mackay



Avoid tannin-packed red wines such as syrah or tempranillo. Powerful reds with astringent finishes will clobber the delicate white fish while clashing with bright citrus and bold spice flavors.



PEAK SEASON

Honey-Glazed Plums with Almonds & Crème Fraîche

Honey helps the stone fruit caramelize lusciously on the grill, while crème fraîche adds the perfect tangy counterpoint. Hands-on: 7 min. Total: 16 min.

Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Combine 3 tablespoons honey, 1/2 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme, and 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon juice in a large bowl. Add 4 large pitted and halved plums; toss gently to coat. Arrange plum halves, cut sides down, on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 3 minutes or until plums are well marked. Turn; grill 3 minutes or until tender. Arrange 2 plum halves on each of 4 plates; top each serving

PHOTOGRAPHY: (LEFT) RANDY MAYOR; FOOD STYLING: BLAKESLEE WRIGHT GILES; PROP STYLING: CINDY BA. , TOP RIGHT) BECKY LUIGART-STAYNER; FOOD STYLING: KELLIE GERBER KELLEY; PROP STYLING: CINDY BARR

with 1 tablespoon crème fraîche and $1\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons chopped toasted almonds. **SERVES 4**

> CALORIES 220; FAT 9.3a (sat 3.5g); **SODIUM** 5mg

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