

## Quirky jerky: Wine, beef & turkey

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**T**here's no need to find the perfect wine pairing for your meat when your snack does that for you.

Krave, a company that makes all-natural jerky, is launching two limited-edition, wine-infused flavors Monday: Chardonnay Honey Rosemary Turkey Jerky and Cabernet Sauvignon Balsamic Blackberry Beef Jerky.

The fusion sounded tempting, so the Daily News Taste Kitchen

popped open the boozy snacks. First up: the Cabernet flavor. "Great jerky or the greatest

jerky?" said one scribe. "Most jerkies are too dry and use obviously substandard cuts of meat. But this is high-quality beef." Another writer said:

"It really does taste like wine! But then it kind of devolves into a too-sweet, stringy glob of muscle fiber." Next, we opened the Chardonnay turkey jerky.

"Gobble, gobble — minus the goblet," quipped one reporter, adding that the notes of oven-roasted turkey and rosemary outshined the chardonnay.

"I want to have this for Thanksgiving dinner," the reporter added.

Others were not as impressed. "It's drier than my bubbe's kasha three days after Rosh Hashana," said one writer.

He favored the Cabernet beef: "Some single people sit home alone with a glass of wine, but I'll snuggle with this instead anytime."

We'd suggest this snack for Kerry Washington's red-wine-loving character, Olivia Pope, on "Scandal," but advise passing on the turkey jerky.

Stock up on the limited-edition jerky starting Monday at [kravejerky.com](http://kravejerky.com).

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