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WINE NOTE The bold flavor of Mexican mole can be a wine-pairing challenge. The heat of chile peppers often makes red wines taste bitter or alcoholic. So try a slightly sweet white wine like Pacific Rim Sweet Riesling (\$11). With just 8.5 percent alcohol, intense tropical fruit and lime flavors, and generous sweetness, this thirst-quenching sipper cools the heat while curbing the rich sauce with good acidity. — *Jeffery Lindenmuth*

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