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## TASTING HIGHLIGHTS

### 10 California Pinot Noirs for \$30 or Less

New reviews of affordable Pinots from Sonoma, Mendocino and Santa Barbara



Sean Minor overdelivers with well-priced wines, including a Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir.



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*Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent scores and notes to WineSpectator.com members*

It's no easy task to find inexpensive California Pinot Noir. So we pay close attention when one of these reds delivers the goods at an affordable price. This week, we've rounded up some of the best Golden State Pinot values from recent blind tastings. Even better, most of these wines are produced in larger quantities, making them widely available.

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Sonoma Coast bottling offers an enticing introduction to the region's signature red grape



## SEAN MINOR

Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2018

Score: 90 | \$22

**WS review:** Cedar and hot stone notes accent the dried cherry, plum and pomegranate flavors that glide across the palate. Shows focused minerality on the finish, with citrusy hints. Drink now through 2023. 5,000 cases made.—*K.M.*

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