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5 Super Value California Pinot Noirs

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The best inexpensive Pinot Noirs may not have the nuanced aromas and terroir expression of higher-end bottlings, but they can still offer impressively bright fruit and an elegant texture. Under \$15, Pinot Noirs tend to be made with blends of grapes from throughout the state. That said, occasionally, it's possible to find great values from specific regions. Here are five affordable standouts.

Bottles to Try:

- 2012 BV Coastal Estates California Pinot Noir (\$11)
- 2012 Gnarly Head California Pinot Noir (\$12)
- 2011 Chalone Monterey County Pinot Noir

BV Coastal Estates California Pinot Noir
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- (\$15)
- 2012 DeLoach California Pinot Noir (\$15)
- 2011 Toad Hollow Goldie's Vineyard Russian River Valley Pinot Noir (\$19)

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