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Expert-picked wine values that taste far pricier than they cost — perfect for gifting, hosting, and toasting.

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Pinot Noir

It can be challenging to find Pinot Noir that's both affordable and appealing and that also captures the grape's unique gift for balancing intensity and weightlessness without going over the \$25 threshold. And yet, after much hunting and tasting, we found a few Pinot unicorns: Here are four to look for. — Lucy Simon

2023 DeLoach Heritage Reserve Pinot Noir (\$15)

It's hard to find a better California Pinot at this price. DeLoach is known for their higher-end Russian River Valley Pinots, and the same care goes into its Heritage Reserve wines. This red is full of rich cherry-berry fruit with warm baking-spice aromas.