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America's Burgundy? Oregon's Value Pinot Shows the Way

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According to Damian Davis of Portlandia Vintners, a combination of factors contributes to this push. These include good to great weather over the past eight years, more plantings in areas of lower-cost farming, like the south Willamette Valley, Umpqua and Rogue Valley, and camaraderie among those in the Oregon wine community.

"From vineyard management to winemaking, we continue to learn and get better," says Davis. "In addition to improved tools, techniques and technology, there's an amazing cooperation...to make the very best Pinot Noir we can at all price points."

Top 10 Oregon Pinots for Value

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90 **Portlandia 2018 Pinot Noir**
POINTS **(Willamette Valley); \$22**
Editors' Choice

This Pinot Noir includes 30% Hyland Vineyard fruit. Brisk black-cherry scents and flavors come with a roasted, grilled quality. Those charred notes carry over into the finish, which is surprisingly substantial for a wine at this price. — *By Paul Gregutt*