

The 14 Best Pinot Noirs to Drink in 2022

There's a reason why this food-friendly wine is so popular.

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"Every great pinot noir requires balance," says Ian Burch, winemaker at Archery Summit in Oregon's Willamette Valley. "A well-balanced pinot noir should entice you aromatically, enter gracefully onto your palate, and leave a long, beautiful finish. Like Mark Tarlov who just recently left us used to say, pinot noir is like a ballerina. The dedication, muscle, practice, and form are all there, but the audience only sees a lovely display and performance. Pinot noir is the same way. Under all of the meticulous layers that winegrowers and winemakers hammer out, our consumer is left with a lacy, transformative wine experience." Here, we're celebrating this noble variety with some of the best pinot noirs to drink today. Don't hesitate to try any of these selections, because there's just no going wrong.



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Best Under \$50:

Domaine Carneros Pinot Noir



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Region: Carneros, California | **ABV:** 14.2% |

Tasting Notes: Strawberry, Chocolate, Pomegranate

Operating out of Napa Valley, Domaine Carneros' founding winemaker Eileen Crane is best known for her landmark sparkling wines. Still, pinot noir is another trick up her sleeve. Whole berries for this pinot are cold-soaked for delicate flavor extraction, then barrel-aged for 10 months. Intense and full-bodied with luscious tannins, this wine has notes of cherry, strawberry, chocolate, pomegranate, and plum. It's sweet and juicy with brilliant texture and a long finish. The pinot is great on its own or as a companion to New York strip steak, herb-dusted pork loin, or parmesan-crusted, pan-seared Dover sole.



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