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Top Oregon Pinot Noir Picks

Just in time for the holidays, eight Oregon pinot noirs from the excellent 2006 vintage that are both affordable and delicious

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The year 2006 was an excellent vintage for pinot noir in the Willamette Valley of Oregon. The warm summer and almost ideal harvest season (a rarity in this part of the world) produced supple, fruit-driven pinot noirs that still remain under the radar for many Americans. Here my colleague, Dr. Jay Miller, recommends some of the best 2006s.

92 points

2006 Cristom Vineyards Pinot Noir Louise Vineyard

The 2006 Pinot Noir Louise Vineyard is medium ruby-colored with a superb bouquet of pain grillé, mineral, cranberry, cherry, and rose petals. Layered and plush on the palate, it has loads of savory fruit, complex flavors, and a silky-smooth finish that lasts for 45 seconds. Give it three to four years in the cellar and drink it from 2012 to 2020. \$50 www.cristomwines.com