

## Tasting Highlights: Côte de Nuits Values

### 17 excellent Pinot Noirs from Burgundy's heralded 2005 vintage

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As a group, the 2005 red Burgundies are expensive. With that in mind, here are 17 Pinot Noirs from the heralded '05 vintage that cost \$50 or less. This group covers the Côte de Nuits region, including several selections from the appellation of Marsannay.

**TAUPENOT-MERME Morey-St.-Denis 2005 Score: 90 / \$44**

Bright and lively, this red exhibits wild berry, red currant and cherry notes. There's a firm base of tannins, but this has the requisite fruit to match. Gets better with each sip. Best from 2010 through 2020. 250 cases imported. —*B.S.*