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Greg Popovich founded the winery with partner Chris Noble in 1994 and it maintains a reputation for noteworthy values. Castle Rock's Monterey County bottling is a steal at \$14, and delivers accents of dried sage to its pomegranate and dried cherry flavors.



# **Tasting Highlights**

# 10 Stellar West Coast Pinot Noirs for \$30 or Less

## CASTLE ROCK

Pinot Noir Monterey County 2020

Score: 87 | \$14

WS review: Delivers accents of dried sage to the pomegranate and dried cherry flavors, with notes of forest floor on the crisp finish. Drink now. 15,122 cases made. From California.—K.M.

### Wine Spectator's 100-Point Scale

Wine Spectator tasters review wines on the following 100-point scale:

- 95-100 Classic: a great wine
- 90-94 Outstanding: a wine of superior character and style
- . 85-89 Very good: a wine with special qualities
- . 80-84 Good: a solid, well-made wine
- 75-79 Mediocre: a drinkable wine that may have minor flaws
- 50-74 Not recommended





