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Value Wine Friday: Two Under \$20

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I've got a more comprehensive Burgundy rundown coming up in the July issue, but since the much-heralded '05s are already arriving, here's a pair of entirely legitimate Bourgognes rouge to whet your appetite (or thirst, actually). Both are under \$20, so don't expect fireworks of complexity, but they're definitely good dinner-at-home wines—not to mention that both are likely to be even better in a few years, if you want to put a couple of bottles away.

2005 [Bouchard Père et Fils](#) Bourgogne Pinot Noir (\$18) A lightly earthy *sous bois* note (forest floor, but when in Burgundy...) wafts out of the glass, then this is all bright cherry fruit and a backdrop of firm tannins and oak spice. Lean and muscular, like so many of us only wish we were...

2005 [Jean-Claude Boisset](#) Bourgogne Pinot Noir (\$19) Bigger and darker than the above, this is marked by a dusty raspberry liqueur aroma, dense, almost meaty flavors, and firm tannins on the end. (FYI, the J-C Boisset wines should not be confused with the old Boisset négociant wines, which were largely insipid; this is a much smaller project (also owned by the Boissets), with a very talented young winemaker, Gregory Patriat, at the helm.)

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