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## The Best Wines Under \$50, According To Sommeliers

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### J. de Villebois Sancerre Rouge



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If you want a berry-forward red wine, J. de Villebois Sancerre Rouge might be the one for you. Retailing at around \$38, it's on the pricier end of the range but still comes in well within budget. Sancerre Rouge is a type of red wine made exclusively from Pinot Noir grapes. It's named to differentiate it from those grown in Burgundy. And while Sancerre Rouge has usually played second fiddle, warmer climes of late have resulted in some particularly ripe, juicy wines.

According to Gabe Geller, this wine is made by an incredible producer from the Loire Valley region of France, which is already famous for its Sauvignon Blanc expertise. But the Pinot Noir grapes that it grows are also worth attention. They deliver "a medium-bodied wine with delightful notes of ripe red currants, pomegranate seeds, and sour cherries, with a whiff of dried rose petals on the nose, and an umami finish that begs for a refill," Geller tells us. It's a particularly smooth and fruity wine, perfect for anyone who doesn't like heavy tannins and more intense flavors. This is quality French Pinot Noir by another name.