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Wine Adviser: Pick of the Week

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Mark West 2009 Pinot Noir

INEXPENSIVE PINOT noir that actually tastes like the grape it is named for can be difficult to find. This popular version does a great job with the flighty grape, blending fruit from throughout California, aging it in French oak for some months and keeping quality up across an output of 300,000 cases. A fine, all-purpose California red.

Mark West 2009 Pinot Noir, California

APPELLATION	46% Central Coast 11% San Joaquin Delta 7% Mendocino 7% Sonoma 29% Other
OAK:	100% French, Medium-Plus & Heavy Toast
pH:	3.75
TOTAL ACID:	5.4 G/L
ALCOHOL:	13.8%