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Wines of the week

Can't afford Burgundy pinot noir? Try these... By David Williams

Louis Latour Les Pierres Dorées Pinot Noir 2017

Not all the beaujolais-alikes produced under the Coteaux Bourguignons label are pure gamays.

A number, while certainly sharing the sappy, light succulence you'd expect from a beaujolais, mix it up with pinot noir – a blend that works well with its red and blackberry charm. The Coteaux Bourguignons name is also useful for those of us with the taste, but not the bank balance for burgundy pinot noir. Certainly, the pinot noir vines planted by Burgundy producer Louis Latour in Beaujolais have yielded a red wine with the kind of prettiness and subtle herby-earthiness that would cost much more with a burgundy village on the label.



WHAT TO DRINK

Susy Atkins picks her favourite bottles for July, plus drinks for summer tomatoes

THE SPLASH-OUT SUMMER RED

Louis Latour Les Pierres Dorées Pinot Noir 2017, Coteaux Bourguignons, France

A cool, fresh pinot noir is perfect on a hot summer's night. This fragrant, plummy one is a delight with duck or a rare steak.

PINOT NOIR LES PIERRES DORÉES

