

AI Stack Audit: Pinecrest Labs (EXAMPLE)

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1. Summary

- **Current AI spend:** \$1,084/mo (\$13,008/yr)
- **Recommended spend:** \$892/mo (\$10,704/yr)
- **Estimated savings:** \$192/mo (\$2,304/yr), or about 18%
- **Top 3 moves:**
 1. **Cut GitHub Copilot.** Everyone already has Cursor Premium, so it's paying twice for the same job (–\$60/mo).
 2. **Switch CodeRabbit to annual billing.** Same Team plan, \$48 instead of \$60 per seat (–\$72/mo).
 3. **Give everyone Claude Pro for Claude Code** (S tier, 9.0), and use Claude Design instead of most v0 seats (+\$60 –\$60).

2. Team snapshot

Item	Details
Team size	6 (2 frontend, 2 backend, 1 full-stack/founder, 1 product designer)
Stack	TypeScript, Next.js on Vercel, Python (FastAPI), Postgres, GitHub
Product	B2B SaaS with an AI summary feature built on the Claude API
Goals	Ship faster, cut overlapping tools, keep PR reviews quick
Pain points	Two AI editors per person, slow reviews of AI-written PRs, API bill keeps growing
Rules / limits	Code stays on GitHub; month-to-month is fine, annual is OK for proven tools

3. Current spend

Tool	Plan	Seats	\$/seat/mo	\$/mo	Notes
Cursor	Premium	6	\$30	\$180	Main editor for all 6; includes Bugbot
GitHub Copilot	Pro	6	\$10	\$60	Overlap: 2 of 6 open it weekly
Claude (for Claude Code)	Pro, monthly	3	\$20	\$60	Backend + founder; the most-loved tool
CodeRabbit	Team, monthly	6	\$60	\$360	Billed monthly; annual is \$48
v0 by Vercel	Paid	3	\$30	\$90	Only the designer uses it weekly

Granola	Business	6	\$14	\$84	Customer calls and standups
Claude API	Sonnet 5.5 (usage)	n/a	n/a	~\$250	All calls go to Sonnet, including simple ones
Total				\$1,084	

Overlaps found: Cursor + Copilot (editors); Cursor Bugbot + CodeRabbit + Copilot code review (code review); v0 + Claude Design (UI).

4. Recommended stack by category

Category	Recommendation	ToolTier score / tier	Why it fits Pinecrest
AI coding editors/IDEs	Cursor (keep Premium)	8.4 / A (#1)	Team already uses it daily; Premium includes Bugbot and cloud agents
Coding agents (CLI/cloud)	Claude Code via Claude Pro	9.0 / S (#1)	Best-rated agent; the 3 current users ship the most
App builders (prompt-to-app)	None needed	n/a	Engineers build in code; Lovable (8.4 / A) only if non-engineers need prototypes
AI model APIs	Claude API: Sonnet 5.5 + Haiku 5.5	9.0 / S (#1)	Keep the vendor; send simple calls to Haiku (\$0.50/\$2.50 vs \$2/\$10 per MTok)
Code review & testing	CodeRabbit Team, annual	8.6 / A (#1)	Fixes the slow-review problem; Team includes test generation
Design-to-code / UI generation	v0 (1 seat) + Claude Design	8.4 / A (#1), 8.2 / A (#2)	Designer keeps v0 for Next.js/Vercel; others use Claude Design, already in Claude Pro
Docs & research for devs	Claude Research	8.4 / A	Included in Claude Pro at no extra cost
Dev productivity	Granola Business (keep)	8.6 / A (#1)	Used daily; MCP feeds notes into Claude

5. Cut / switch / add

Action	Tool	Change	Reason	\$/mo impact
CUT	GitHub Copilot Pro	6 seats → 0	Cursor Premium covers completions and chat	-\$60
SWITCH	CodeRabbit Team	Monthly → annual billing	Same plan, \$48 vs \$60 per seat	-\$72

SWITCH	v0	3 seats → 1 (designer)	Engineers use Claude Design, included in Claude Pro	-\$60
ADD	Claude Pro	3 seats → 6	Claude Code for everyone (S tier)	+\$60
SWITCH	Claude API	Route simple calls to Haiku 5.5	~4x cheaper per token; estimate assumes 40% of calls move	-\$60 (est.)
KEEP	Cursor Premium, Granola Business	No change	Used daily, top of their categories	\$0

6. Estimated savings

	Monthly	Annual
Current	\$1,084	\$13,008
Recommended	\$892	\$10,704
Savings	\$192	\$2,304

Recommended stack: Cursor \$180 + Claude Pro \$120 + CodeRabbit \$288 + v0 \$30 + Granola \$84 + Claude API ~\$190 = \$892/mo.

Assumptions: list prices; API usage stays flat; CodeRabbit annual billing is paid up front (\$3,456/yr).

More savings (optional): Claude Pro billed annually (\$17/mo) saves another \$18/mo. Dropping CodeRabbit for Cursor Bugbot (8.0 / A, already included) saves \$288/mo more, but scores lower and doesn't fix the review problem as well.

7. Rollout plan (30 days)

When	Step	Owner
Week 1	Cancel Copilot seats; remove 2 v0 seats at the end of the billing period	Founder
Week 1	Add 3 Claude Pro seats; share the backend team's Claude Code setup and project rules	Backend lead
Week 2	Move simple API calls (tagging, short summaries) to Haiku 5.5 behind a flag; compare quality	Backend
Week 2	Switch CodeRabbit to annual once the team agrees it's staying	Founder
Week 3	Designer shows the team the Claude Design → v0 workflow	Designer
Week 4	Review: API bill, PR review time, and whether anyone misses Copilot	Founder

8. Risks and things to watch

- **Usage limits:** Claude Pro has usage limits. If heavy users hit them, move them to Max (from \$100/mo).
- **Annual lock-in:** Only switch CodeRabbit to annual after it's clearly staying.

- **Haiku quality:** Check summary quality on real data before moving traffic.
- **Disclosure:** CodeRabbit is a ToolTier affiliate partner. It's recommended because it's #1 in Code review (8.6), not because of the affiliate link.

9. Next steps

- Approve the cut/switch list, then start Week 1.
- 30-minute call booked to walk through the plan (Team plan).

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