

# DEHLINGER WINERY

Est. 1975

Dehlinger Winery is a family-owned and operated winery recognized for consistency and quality. The focus is entirely on estate-grown grapes from our dry farmed vineyard in the Russian River Valley, which has a four-decade-long history of producing exceptional wines. Carmen and Eva Dehlinger, two of founder Tom and Carole's daughters, oversee all day-to-day operations.

## 2019 Estate Chardonnay

### The Vineyard

In the spring of 1975, Dehlinger's first Chardonnay vines were planted a stone's throw from the winery building. Just as vine roots grow down and branch out, our knowledge and experience with the variety has only deepened over time. Subsequent plantings over the last 45 years have cemented Dehlinger as a benchmark producer for the variety in the region. The Estate Chardonnay is dominated by Wente clone, a small-berried, low yielding type known for producing wines of exceptional depth, texture, and richness.

### The Vintage

Alternating periods of cool and moderate warmed allowed for full ripening of the grapes on a timeline typical for the region.

### The Wine

The founding 1975 block is still a major source of the 2019 Dehlinger Estate Chardonnay and the wine demonstrates the freshness and dynamism of a classic coastal Chardonnay. Minerality and lemon custard notes derived from the fruit complement flavors evocative of hazelnut, vanilla, and nutmeg developed from the maturation process. Look to the 2019 Estate Chardonnay to deliver a classic rendition of this compelling Burgundian variety (Wine Enthusiast 96 points).

### Technical Notes

**Variety** 100% Chardonnay

**Aging** 12 months in barrel

**Oak Type** French, 35% new

**Alcohol** 14.2%

**pH** 3.29

**TA** 5.9 g/L

**Production** 1350 cases

