

# 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.

## 2017 Altamont Pinot Noir

### Technical Notes

**Variety** 100% Pinot noir

**Aging** 17 months

**Oak Type** French, 55% new

**Alcohol** 14.5%

**pH** 3.55

**TA** 6.1 g/L

**Production** 940 cases

### The Vineyard

Dehlinger's estate vineyard is located just north of the town of Sebastopol and 13 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The vines for this bottling grow in a rare and special red soil called altamont that is found along the tops of rolling hills in a small section of Sonoma County. Vines vary in age and include plantings from the 1970s, 1980s, and 2010s.

### The Vintage

This moderately early year featured a lush spring, and a warm summer. Harvest for the Altamont vines took place between August 29th and Sept 16th.

### The Wine

A showcase of Pinot noir originating from the red altamont soil on the highest elevation portions of the Dehlinger ranch. Dense and spicy from hilltop exposure and whole cluster inclusion, the Altamont Pinot noir was aged in large part in 132-gallon oak puncheons to emphasize its potency. Transparent garnet in color, the wine features a heady perfume of black cherry and violets, and finishes with engaging texture.

