

DEHLINGER WINERY

Est. 1975

Dehlinger is a family-owned and operated vineyard and winery located in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. From the start in 1975, the emphasis has been on preserving the maximum flavor from the grapes and producing small amounts of hand-worked, barrel-aged wines. Today the focus is entirely on estate grown wines.

2014 Goldridge Pinot Noir

The Vineyard

Dehlinger's estate vineyard is located just north of the town of Sebastopol and 13 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The vines grow in the classic soil of the Russian River Valley: goldridge fine sandy loam. Planted between 1975 and 1989, the Pinot vines are primarily clones of Pommard and Swan. The vines are trained to an Open Lyre system – a split canopy which optimizes light and air exposure on the clusters.

The Vintage

The 2014 vintage, occurring at the height of the California drought, was an exceptionally early one, with Pinot noir harvest beginning in mid-August. The vintage was bountiful and the vines underwent considerable thinning. Dehlinger Pinot noirs from this vintage are strong with a vibrant and intense character and supple texture.

The Wine

Pinot noir is a grape famous for expressing site characteristics, and the 2014 Goldridge Pinot Noir demonstrates the distinctive bright flavor, great purity of fruit, and supple texture that are characteristic of a wine grown in the Russian River Valley's classic goldridge soil. Lush and exuberant, the 2014 Goldridge Pinot Noir features notes of red fruit, strawberry, and orange peel.

Technical Notes

Variety 100% Pinot noir

Aging 16 months

Oak Type French, 48% new

Alcohol 14.9%

pH 3.56

TA 5.8 g/L

Production 1065 cases

