

# 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 Altamont 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 a rare and special red soil called Altamont that is found along the tops of rolling hills in a small section of Sonoma County. The vineyard is 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*

Spicy and concentrated, the **2014 Altamont Pinot Noir** displays excellent integration and polished tannins. Its dark fruit aromatics are complemented by hints of baking spices. This age-worthy bottling is one of Dehlinger's most sought-after wines.

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#### Technical Notes

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**Variety** 100% Pinot noir

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**Aging** 18 months in barrel

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**Oak Type** French, 48% new

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**Alcohol** 14.9%

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**pH** 3.56

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**TA** 5.4 g/L

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**Production** 720 cases

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