

DEHLINGER WINERY

Est. 1975

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2020 Estate Chardonnay

Technical Notes

Variety 100% Chardonnay

Aging 12 months in barrel

Oak Type French, 35% new

Alcohol 14.2%

pH 3.36

TA 5.6 g/L

Production 1150 cases

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 Wine

The consistent, singular origin of the Dehlinger Estate Chardonnay results in a signature character whose expression returns vintage after vintage. The 2020 Estate Chardonnay, features aromas reminiscent of vanilla bean and crème brûlée juxtaposed with the wine's vineyard-driven minerality. Crisp and dynamic in the mouth due to our location's coastal-influence and concentrated in flavor from vines dry-farmed in well-drained marine-derived soil, the pureness of the wine's personality matches the pedigree of the land it comes from. 92 Points Wine Spectator



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2019 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 for this bottling grow in a rare and special red soil called altamont that predominates the upper portions of our estate vineyard's rolling hills. It generates deeply colored, mouth engaging and age-worthy red-wines. Like the Grand Cru belt in Burgundy's Cote de Nuits, this narrow band of red gravelley clay loam imparts an extra measure of intensity to its wines; this ancient geological formation the most sought-after by winemakers in the central Russian River Valley.

The Vintage

The entire 2019 Pinot noir harvest took place during the month of September. Moderately warm conditions allowed for full ripening of the grapes along a timeline typical for the region.

The Wine

The altamont soil that appears on our vineyard's hilltops is sedimentary marine in nature and distinguished by its red color and relatively high clay content. Rare and treasured by local winemakers, this soil is associated with ageworthy wines of concentrated character. A blend from the most privileged hilltops on our ranch, the 2019 Altamont Pinot noir leads with forward aromatics of ripe raspberries and baking spices, followed by rich, luscious flavors. This pleasing and delicious wine reflects the warmth and generosity of our estate.

Technical Notes

Variety 100% Pinot noir

Aging 18 months in barrel

Oak Type French, 50% new

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.59

TA 5.9 g/L

Production 775 cases



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2017 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Technical Notes

Variety 100% Cabernat Sauv

Aging 24.5 months in barrel

Oak Type French, 55% new

Alcohol 14.5%

pH 3.6 **TA** 6.6 g/L

Production 500 cases

The Vineyard

We have four and a half decades of experience growing Cabernet Sauvignon on our ranch. Cabernet Sauvignon grown in a cool climate such as ours demands rigorous care in the vineyard to reach its full potential and fully ripen the crop. In parallel, the maritime Russian River Valley climate allows the fruit to retain stunning layers of flavor and character that can be lost when the grape is grown in a much warmer region. At Dehlinger, the Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard occupies a privileged south-facing hill, which advances maturation of the grapes. Special attention is given to properly thinning the fruit and meticulously positioning and opening the canopy.

The Vintage

Warm vintage helped achieve ripening on this later ripening variety - still lots of solid cool climate expression

The Wine

The vines grow in well-drained, red altamont soil on a south facing slope. The cool climate of the Russian River Valley prolongs the ripening period, giving our Cabernets a distinctive and complex character. The most concentrated and earliest ripening sections of the Estate vineyard are selected to comprise this Cabernet Sauvignon bottling, which aged for two years in small oak vessels. (93+ Antonio Galloni).
Tasting note: Redwood bark, chiles, sage, chocolate, dried cherry.

