



2015 Antikythera Pinot Noir

Price: \$254.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Pinot Noir

Brand: Antica Terra

LCBO Product #: 545664

LCBO:

Region: Oregon, USA

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 6

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Availability in consignment

Background

Antica Terra is an 11 acre vineyard located on a rocky hillside in the Eola-Amity Hills of Oregon's Willamette Valley. The first vines were planted here in 1989 in a clearing within the oak savannah. The geology of the site is extremely unusual. In most of the region, vineyards are planted in the relatively deep, geologically young soils left behind by either the Missoula floods or the volcanic events that formed the Cascade Range. In this place, the remains of a far older pre-historic seabed rise to the surface, leaving the vines to struggle, without topsoil, amongst a fractured mixture of sandstone sown with fossilized oyster shells.

Tasting Notes

The Antikythera Mechanism is a geared, bronze-age device that was used to calculate astronomical positions with incredible precision. Sponge divers recovered it from the Antikythera wreck, in 1900, off the coast of Point Glyphadia. It's significance for us began as wordplay. While pronounced differently, Antikythera looks remarkably like Antica Terra. This similarity has become a way to understand the changing identity of our site. Since 2009, the site itself and the character of the wine it produces has been dramatically transformed. There is an expression of place that we could not imagine was possible before. Choosing the name Antikythera allowed us to link the wine to the history of the site while indicating that it was something completely different than what had come before.

