



About Coriolis

There are, every year, a selection of barrels that somehow seek a different path than to be part of the cuvées we craft under the Antica Terra label as Ceras, Botanica and Antikythera. A world away from barrels that get may be declassified or sold off in bulk at other wineries, these "black sheep" barrels are often some of the most precious in the cellar (many coming from our estate vineyard, as well as Shea and Seven Springs vineyards). By calling out these barrels as distinctive from Antica Terra, yet full of shimmering potential, we sit with them for a final blending session. The resultant wine lives under the name Coriolis.

The mathematical expression for the Coriolis force appeared in an 1835 paper by French scientist Gaspard-Gustave Coriolis, in connection with the theory of water wheels. The symbol of the water wheel serves as symbol for the conversion of free-flowing energy into useful forms of power. One hundred percent of the profits from the sale of this wine are donated to charity. In this way, this wine supports the conversion of ideas into powerful actions that serve a greater good.

About the Wine

Pinot Noir Coriolis 2016

2016 was one of the earliest vintages on record in the Willamette Valley due to an unusually warm spring which gave way to moderate summer conditions. The temperate summer provided even growing conditions through véraison. Though it was an intense growing season due to the early start, the fruit grown resulted in wines with wonderful concentration and complexity with characteristic natural acidity.