

Wine
Advocate
93 PTS
2021



TASTING NOTES

Fresh and well-balanced, this is a medium to full-bodied red with soft tannins. Intense smokey notes pair with minerality, ripe black cherry, dried thyme, fig cake, hints of ground cumin, and white pepper. On the palate the wine is round and finely balanced, with a long, lingering finish that echoes the spice and mineral elements.

Elena Fucci SCEG Aglianico del Vulture

COUNTRY	ABV
Italy	14%
REGION	VARIETALS
Basilicata	100% Aglianico

APPELLATION

Aglianico del Vulture DOC

WINERY

The Fucci family has lived on their estate in Basilicata since 1960, when Elena's grandfather bought six hectares of vineyards at the highest part Contrada Solagna of Titolo, at the foot of Mount Vulture (an extinct volcano). Though it wasn't until the 2000 vintage that the full potential of the domain's 70-year-old Aglianico vines was properly explored. The family was going through the process of selling the estate when Elena made the last-minute decision to take on the property herself, with the intention of developing the vineyard and devoting herself to the land that she grew up loving so dearly. Simply walking through the vineyard rows at Elena Fucci is a fascinating history lesson; the terrain is volcanic, the soil is mineral, dark in color, and pozzolanica, which clearly catalogues in its layers the history and life of the Vulture volcano, visible just a few hundred meters away. This fascinating terroir translates to a fascinating wine in the glass.

CULTIVATION

Vines are farmed organically and grown on guyot using lower yields which positively impacts grape quality. The soil is called pozzolana, a mix of ashes, lapilli, and clay.

VINIFICATION

Grapes are harvested manually, collected in small baskets, and taken directly to the cellar for selection. Whole berries are macerated for 14 days and fermented in steel tanks.

AGING

The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation and ages in 500lt new tonneaux for 12 months, followed by 6 months of bottle ageing before release.