Un’altra storia di successi per il TITOLO! Vintage 2014, un piccolo capolavoro!!

Another success story for TITOLO! Vintage 2014, a little masterpiece!!

2013 Elena Fucci Aglianico del Vulture Titolo

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From
Aglianico del Vulture, Basilicata, Italy

Variety
Aglianico

Source
226, The Wine Advocate

The 2013 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo offers a rich and savory interpretation. The wine reveals earthy notes of freshly tilled earth and button mushroom and it also shows autumnal layers of crushed leaf and black currant. Together, these various elements come together in smooth harmony. The fruit element at the back is a good guarantee of the wine’s future aging potential. The finish offers solid tannins and earthy grittiness. Titolo does malolactic fermentation in oak and is aged in French barrique for 12 months.

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Elena Fucci does a great job of turning the tables on this notoriously difficult vintage. The 2014 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo offers much more substance and power than I expected. Many wines from this growing season are considerably leaner and thinner, but this wine presents a level of intensity that is more intact than most. The nose is very clean and characterized by primary fruit aromas, which makes sense given the youthfulness of this new release. Only on the finish can you recognize some of the difficulties of the vintage. The mouthfeel shows less complexity and a more abrupt finish. Elena Fucci tells me she worked extra hard in this vintage.

You have to admire Elena Fucci’s dedication. She makes one wine and she makes it to the best of her abilities. Even with the difficult 2014 vintage she does not break her over-90-points streak. Last year, I completed a full vertical of her single wine, Titolo. You can read my impressions in my report titled “Italy, Basilicata: V is for Vulture” in Issue 218. The big news from this corner of the Vulture is Elena’s new sustainable winery that she completed at the end of last year. I had the chance to visit before it was finished and was impressed by how petite and practical the layout is. You can tell from the compact nature of the structure, which sits snug under her family home, that Elena’s future vision is to stay small. Her space is perfectly calculated to her needs. The only change to her wine portfolio is the introduction of limited series magnums of the 2013 Titolo that will be released in 2018.

by Monica Larner