



ELENA FUCCI

Basilicata, Italy



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"The 2019 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo is stunning. It opens with a bit of an exotic flair, mixing smoky plum and lavender with animal musk, crushed ashen stone and a whiff of sour citrus that lights up the senses. Then it enters the palate silky and pliant, quickly gaining in youthful tannic tension, but not before providing a preview of mentholated herbal tones and depths of mineral-laden dark fruits that will take center stage after a few years of cellaring. This finishes incredibly long yet structured, leaving a staining of primary concentration to linger under an air of pretty inner florals and savory spice. I believe the 2019 may one day rank among the best vintages ever produced of Elena Fucci's Titolo." 94+ points, Eric Guido, Vinous (July 2021)

"Salvatore Fucci and now his daughter Elena have turned this winery, unknown to almost everyone as recently as 2000, into one of Italy's leading wine estates. Excuse the play on words, but the Titolo is literally "entitled" to its role as Italy's leading light in all matters Aglianico, because there simply isn't any better wine made from this grape in the Vulture, Italy, or the rest of the world. A truly refined red wine, blessed by noble tannins and harmonious acidity that is varietally accurate and that actually speaks of the Vulture too, this is simply a work of art." 95 points, Ian D'Agata, Terroir Sense (November 2021)

The Fucci family have cultivated grapes at the foot of Mount Vulture in Basilicata since the 60's. They own 6 hectares of vines which surround the family home, at the highest part of Contrada Solagna of Titolo. Previously they only vinified their grapes for personal consumption and the rest was sold on to local vigneroni. It wasn't until the family were considering selling the estate vineyards that their daughter Elena (who originally had very different plans for her future), unable to bare the idea that the land she grew up on, the vineyards she played in as a child would be sold on to someone else, decided to step in and take over. Thrilled with her decision, the family gave Elena their full support. In fact, for Elena's father Salvatore, this had long been a pipe dream and so was delighted to get involved, utilizing the viticultural knowledge that he had learned from his father, who learned from his father before him. Elena attended University to study Enology, which she graduated from in 2000. With her newfound knowledge and skills, she returned to her beloved home to start a new chapter for her and her family as vigneroni.

This unique, fertile land made up of volcanic soils, rich in minerals, which makes for ideal conditions for growing quality Aglianico. Planted at around 600 meters above sea level, this late ripening variety benefits from hot summers, cold winters and high winds. The Fucci family vines range between 50 and 70 years old, some of the oldest of the area, they are dedicated exclusively to growing Aglianico. Sustainability has been an important part of Elena's ethos since the very beginning. They farm according to organic practices, for which they are certified. Throughout the production process they strive to recycle as much as they can, from rainwater, to packaging, to vine prunings. The eco-friendly winery was built using recovered and recycled materials and they use a solar powered system and natural air conditioning to reduce energy consumption and ensure low environmental impact.

Elena has transformed her family estate for generations to come and her wines have become known as some of the best examples of this area. We fell in love with their incredible refinement and purity but also the ability to contain the exuberance of Aglianico, which though noble, can be wild and difficult to manage. Simply put, these are the highest expressions of what is widely regarded as one of the very best Italian indigenous grapes and the star of the mountains of Southern Italy.

Code	Label name	Vintage	Alcohol	Closure type	Case size
Red Wine					
EF0515	Aglianico del Vulture Titolo	2015	13.0%	Cork	6X0.75lt