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Elena Fucci – VULTURE

Finally, we move to the Vulture zone of Basilicata. On the volcanic soil of Barile, at 600 meters above sea level, Elena Fucci cultivates her six hectares of vineyard for one of the most famous Aglianico del Vulture wines in the country, as well as abroad. “This year we harvested a week early and finished on October 25,” she tells us. For aglianico, the issues are the same as those Marco Fay described for Nebbiolo. Elena explains that “despite a problematic season, with one of the rainiest summers of the last few years, aglianico managed to stand up well thanks to its late ripening. The warm autumn created excellent conditions

for a last-minute recovery.” The Barile vineyards are among the highest in the Vulture area. They have a southern exposure, which is vital not only because it’s sunnier, but also for the nature of the land, formed by corridors dug by lava that gives the wine a memorable mineral and smoky note. “The particular meteorological conditions of this year will surely award those growers who worked their vineyards well. Great phenolic maturity, rather than technological maturity (related to sugar levels), will allow us to make more immediate wines, not too extractive, and all about elegance, minerality and finesse.”



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