



ELENA FUCCI

Farm of Fucci Elena

THE FIRM

“Torre Titolo” (Titolo tower) is a nice yellow farm-house in the countryside of Barile, a the little city in the north of Basilicata, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. It contains the story of four generations of the Fucci family, and recently, the story of a prestigious wine of Basilicata: Titolo, from the name of the area in which the winery is located. The hills surrounding the winery and the vineyards grow up in quality also thanks the microclimate generated by the Vulture mount. Here the seasons are marked by sun, the rain, the snow and the wind.

On these hills Salvatore Fucci and his daughter Elena are producing with passion the prestigious wine Aglianico of Vulture, to obtain a wine with unique characteristics, above all in his original scents. Elena Fucci has combined tradition and innovation to get this wine, which comes from the cultivation of five hectares of vineyards on volcanic soil at the foot of Mount Vulture. She was inspired by the principles of conservation of typicalness of the vineyard, also in training systems (sapling or shed), thinning even with low yields and, for sure, quality of the grapes.

THE HEART OF WINERY



Mrs. Fucci Elena, owner of the winery

Ms. **Elena Fucci** has the character that reflects the meaning of his name: sunshine. Elena hasn't noble descent, in fact she is the granddaughter of farmers. Elena has studied viticulture and oenology in Pisa university and manages the company with his father **Salvatore**. Mr. **Generoso**, Elena's grandfather, of 84 years old, oversees with his experience the vineyard. Sergio Paternoster has been followed the company until the start-up phase. Elena loves to underline that: "We work only our grapes, the grapes that we had grown up with care, that is because we want to obtain a precious wine, full of quality and passion. This is our philosophy. That is the reason for using only a single label, and producing only a single product, that for sure could be restrictive create for commercial perspective, but for sure we are sure that we have something of rare".

Also Elena says his wine reflects the character of people involved in the production, it represent the territory and also the dynamism.

THE WINERY



The Elena Fucci's winery consist of premises of 300 sqm and a barrel cellar 100 sqm. The structure was designed by the architect Adriana La Bella. Her ideas was to create a winery with very low environmental impact, in fact it is in harmony with the landscape and nature and this is also underline by the wonderful roof garden the cover the structure. The equilibrium with nature will finish thanks to the project of using sustainable energy. Near the barrel cellar, it will be set up the tasting room, to receive the visitors of winery, the analysis laboratory, an office and the silos.

THE VINES

Elena Fucci has only Aglianico del Vulture.

Aglianico del Vulture

According to researchers the Aglianico grape is about 2,800 years old, as this vine has grown on the Vulture mountains for at least 28 centuries.

This grape was introduced by the Greeks. The name derives from "ellenici", another Italian name for

Greeks. Though it is widespread in various Italian southern regions, the Aglianico vine produces grapes with amazingly different characteristics, depending on the zone of origin, soil composition and microclimate. The wine produced is of high quality.

DOC AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE

The Vulture is the home of the famous red vine Aglianico del Vulture, made from the grapes of Aglianico and certificated D.O.C. (Denominazione di Origine Controllata). It is called vecchio after at least three years of aging in Barrique and riserva after at least five.

It is considered among the best vines produced in Italy and carrying also the name Barolo of the South due to the similar way in production and taste. The color of the Aglianico wine is ruby garnet red with a try and savoury taste and 11.5-13 % alcohol.

History says that the grapes was brought to Italy by the Greek as Hellenica. The Romans called it Ellenico and used it to improve the quality of the Falerno, a favorite wine of the poets of this time. In the 15th century under the Argons it was finally nominated as Aglianico.

WHERE IS ELENA FUCCI?



Elena Fucci winery is situated in Barile, Potenza province, in Basilicata region, south of Italy.

Barile is a town and comune in the province of Potenza, in the Southern Italian region of Basilicata. The town is an ancient Arbëreshë settlement and the population still maintains strong links with that culture nowadays. "Barile" means "barrel" in Italian. The people of Barile speak Italian and Arbëresh, a dialect of Albanian. The locals managed to preserve Albanian language and culture over the centuries, as the village was founded by groups of Greek and Albanian immigrants. Barile is the most important centre of viticulture and DOC Aglianico del Vulture wine of the Basilicata.

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ELENA FUCCI WINE

Titolo

Barrel red wine
D.O.C. Aglianico del Vulture
Aglianico del Vulture 100%

