

## **2008 Elena Fucci Aglianico del Vulture Titolo**

The 2008 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo represents what many consider to be one of the best vintages on the Vulture volcano. In fact, this wine still boasts its youthfulness and shows few signs of age or slowing down. The bouquet is timid and closed initially. Like the spectacular 2004 vintage, you need to give it the times it needs to fully open. Dark fruit, spice, leather, balsam herb and crushed mineral rise to attention. The mouthfeel is extremely elegant and long with a bright mineral personality that renders a feeling of extreme sharpness and focus. This gorgeous wine promises a long aging evolution ahead. It has only just begun its journey.

One of my lingering curiosities concerns the longevity of Aglianico del Vulture. This is a topic I have started to research (with this vertical tasting) and hope to continue to explore in the future. This year, I had the great pleasure of tasting a complete vertical of Elena Fucci's Aglianico del Vulture Titolo, from 2000 to 2012. Her inaugural vintage was 2000 and 2012 is her current release. She makes but one wine and this is it. Because all her effort goes into that single product with the same consistency and approach, year after year, Titolo is the perfect benchmark wine for Aglia...

- Monica Lamer (April, 2015)