

2009 Elena Fucci Aglianico del Vulture Titolo

The 2009 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo shows an evident note of sweetness that transcends the bouquet and the mouthfeel. Morello cherry, ripe blackberry and plum is backed by cinnamon, cardamon and Asian spice. The quality of the nose is intense, bright, seamless and extremely balanced. Of the various editions of Titolo tasted in this vertical, the 2009 is among the most opulent, rich and fleshed out. Even the quality of the tannins feels superior from a textural point of view with thick lines and a velvety feel. Titolo still shows primary youthfulness and should age steadily over the course of the next decade.

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 Aglianico ageability. The winemaking proc...

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