

2010 Elena Fucci Aglianico del Vulture Titolo

From a consistent vintage, the 2010 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo opens to a garnet color that is shade lighter and more ruby-toned compared to the other wines in this vertical tasting. This is an austere and sophisticated expression of Aglianico with developed muscle, power and brawn. Its character is streamlined, vertical and direct. The bouquet exhibits impressive depth with sharp tones of small berry, forest floor, grilled herb, dried mint and volcanic ash or smoke. Titolo shows the deft hand of Elena Fucci. Her family once sold fruit to local estates but this courageous young lady launched her Titolo brand in 2000 with the help of her father and her grandfather who farmed these old vines his entire life.

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,...

- Monica Lerner (April, 2015)