

Producer:

[Elena Fucci](#)

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From:

[Italy](#), [Basilicata](#), [Aglianico del Vulture](#)

Color:

● Red

Maturity:

Young

Type:

Table

Sweetness:

Dry

Variety:

[Aglianico](#)

2016 Elena Fucci • Aglianico del Vulture Titolo

2016 ▾



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Rating

94

Release Price

\$40

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Elena Fucci's 2016 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo is a wine built for the long haul. It should continue its steady evolution over the next 20 years if not more. Stitched together with enormous precision, the wine offers balanced intensity and a beautiful level of fruit purity that speaks both to the Aglianico grape and the extreme territory that shapes it. This vintage finishes on a dry note with fine texture and elegantly integrated tannins. The wine is aged in barrique for 12 months, of which half is new oak with various levels of toast. The vines range from 50 to 70 years old and are planted up to 650 meters above sea level. Some 28,000 bottles were produced.

On a playlist of the region's best wine producers, Elena Fucci is my Leading Lady of Lucania. (Lucania is another, more historic name for Basilicata.) Based in Barile on the cool side of the Vulture volcano, she farms a mere six hectares of old vines in black volcanic soils mixed with compressed ash and pumice stone. She inherited those vines as a young woman from her family and started the Elena Fucci brand in the year 2000. A few years back, I completed a full vertical of her only wine Aglianico del Vulture Titolo. I would refer you to those notes for greater context and understanding of her impressive achievements.

