

## 2012 Elena Fucci Aglianico del Vulture Titolo

Elena Fucci's latest release is the 2012 Aglianico del Vulture Titolo. The wine shines bright with primary aromas of dark fruit, herb, oak spice and dark volcanic tones of crushed granite and smoke. Given the proven track record of this wine, I'd expect this vintage to age for 15 to 20 years without a hitch. The 2012 vintage was only slightly warmer than average and those ripe fruit flavors do a lot to round out and soften the firm tannic backbone of the wine. There's a notable point of acidity that helps the wine to achieve an impressive sense of balance. Elena Fucci has another successful edition of Titolo for us to enjoy over the years to come.

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 Agl...

- Monica Lerner (April, 2015)