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Synthesi Aglianico del Vulture 2018

Basilicata IGT, Italy

ESTATE

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WINE

The Synthesi Aglianico del Vulture is true to its name: the word means "synthesis," and the wine is made from grapes grown in different sections of the Vulture region. Synthesi is an Aglianico intended for drinking young, and is an excellently priced example of what the grape is all about.

VINEYARD

The estate extends over 49 acres divided into several crus, very old vineyards where excellent wines are produced at 450-600 meters above sea level. All vineyards are cultivated on a natural terrace overlooking Mount Vulture, an extinct volcano that preserves the unique and native character of the vineyards. The vineyards that ultimately lead to the creation of Synthesi are located at between 1300 to 2000 feet above sea level.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Aglianico del Vulture

Fermentation: In stainless steel tanks for 12-15 days, with periodic pumping over and punching down of the cap

Aging: 12 months in large Slavonian oak (80% of the wine) and 14 months in barriques (20% of the wine)

Alcohol: 13.0%

TASTING NOTE

A vibrant ruby red in color, it displays an ethereal, fragrantly fruity bouquet of blackberries, blueberries, wild berries and pepper. On the palate it is dry and velvety, with well-integrated tannins; it reveals great balance and a persistent aftertaste.