

Don Anselmo

AGLIANICO DEL VULTURE DOC

2015

95/100

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2015 Aglianico del Vulture Don Anselmo sees fruit sourced from a 4.5-hectare single vineyard located at 600 meters above sea level. Soils are composed of compressed ash and crushed volcanic sponge rock. The wine opens to tangy fruit aromas that are brooding and thick. Back-ground aromas of tar, smoke and cigar ash give the wine dimension and complexity. The wine is tight in terms of its texture and tannins and could use a few more years of bottle aging before you pop the cork. Fruit was harvested on the 23rd and 24th of October. Don Anselmo is fermented in equal parts steel vat and oak barrel. It then ages in wood for 20 months, followed by an additional six months in steel (that replaced older cement vats). The 2015 vintage is hitting the market now."

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Wine & Spirits

The Paternoster family makes about 150,000 bottles a year from their 50 vineyard acres on the slopes of Mount Vulture in Basilicata. Don Anselmo is their top wine, made from the estate's oldest vines, growing in volcanic soils at 2,000 feet of elevation. It's dense and formidably tannic, its plum and raspberry flavors infused with notes of graphite and tobacco. Brisk acidity balances the wine's smoky richness, keeping the structure lithe.

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Medium red-ruby. A knockout nose showcases aromas of redberries, flint, earth, leather and wild herbs. Then silky in the mouth, with a crushed-stone minerality providing structure to the ripe raspberry, licorice and earth flavors. Juicy, sappy and edge-free, this dense, multilayered wine boasts an extremely long, refined finish.

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"This is a delicious and exotic red with clove, tea-leaf and ripe-fruit aromas and flavors. Full body, soft tannins and a long, flavorful finish. Anise coming through at the end. Delicious finish. Drink now."

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Wine Spectator

Creamy tannins firm this suave, medium- to full-bodied red, while lightly juicy acidity and a tang of tarry smoke mesh with flavors of wild cherry, fennel seed and tobacco. Offers a long, fragrant finish. Best from 2021 through 2029. 1,000 cases made, 100 cases imported.

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WINEENTHUSIAST

Named after the founder of the winery, this is an effusive, rich and structured wine. An enveloping nose of blueberry tart, sour cream, iodine and crushed rock carries to the broad palate, with roasted hazelnut chiming in. The fruit feels rounded and lush but held in check by pulsing acidity and fine-grained tannins.



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