

PATERNOSTER

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Don Anselmo Aglianico del Vulture 2015 Aglianico del Vulture DOC, Italy

ESTATE

Volcanic wines are currently a hot topic among wine critics and enthusiasts worldwide, and Paternoster is very much of the moment: it is a volcanic wine in the literal sense of the term and stands on an extinct volcano. The Paternoster estate encompasses 50 acres of black soil of volcanic origin in different winegrowing districts in the countryside of the small town Barile, including the prestigious crus Don Anselmo and Rotondo. The wines age in traditional Slavonian and French oak casks, where they develop important aromatic notes, color nuances, and complexity. The estate is part of the Tommasi Family Estates collection of wineries; the family has focused on quality production, organic practices, and eco-sustainability.

WINE

Don Anselmo is a landmark wine made from 100% Aglianico grapes, the native varietal in Basilicata for which the region is renowned. It is dedicated to the winery's founder, Anselmo Paternoster, and represents the history, roots, and continued importance of the Paternoster family in the area of production of the wines, Vulture. The grapes come from small and particularly old vineyard parcels in Barile, located at 2000 feet above sea level, with naturally low yields (35- 40 quintals per hectare). The soil is volcanic, with a significant levels of lava and ash.

VINEYARD

The vineyards from which the grapes that go into making Don Anselmo are small and very old. They are located in Barile in the province of Potenza in Campania. They are located at nearly 2,000 feet above sea level and have naturally low yields.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: Late October

Variety: 100% Aglianico

Fermentation: The must macerates on the skins in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for 15 days. During this period, several pump overs are carried out.

Aging: 50% in large Slavonian oak barrels and 50% in French barriques. Final bottle aging lasts 12 months.

Alcohol: 14%

Wine Spectator

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"The 2015 Aglianico del Vulture Don Anselmo sees fruit sourced from a 4.5-hectare single vineyard located at 600 meters above sea level. The wine opens to tangy fruit aromas that are brooding and thick. Background aromas of tar, smoke and cigar ash give the wine dimension and complexity." - ALISON NAPJUS, 10/2019

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