

PATERNOSTER

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Synthesi Aglianico del Vulture 2017

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

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. This wine best demonstrated the typology, territory, structure and longevity of the Aglianico fruit and the unique volcanic soils of the region.

VINEYARD

The vineyards that ultimately lead to the creation of Synthesi are located at between 1300 to 2000 feet above sea level. The Paternoster estate encompasses 20 hectares (50 acres) of black soil of volcanic origin in different wine-growing districts in the countryside of the small-town Barile. All of the vineyards lie on a natural terrace overlooking Mount Vulture, an extinct volcano, and have black soils of volcanic origin.

WINEMAKING

Harvest: Mid-October

Variety: 100% Aglianico

Fermentation: Grapes are treading and destemmed followed by maceration on the skins in stainless steel tanks for 10 days at 25/28 °C. During this period several pumping overs and delestages are carried out.

Aging: Large Slavonian oak barrels (80%) and French barriques (20%), followed by 8 months of bottle aging.

Alcohol: 13%

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"Bright medium red-ruby color. Perfumed nose offers red cherry, rose, violet and spicy oak. Juicy, spicy and inky, with nicely concentrated sour red cherry fruit and graphite nuances lifted by a floral element. A peppery, wild hint extends the firm finish, which shows a very restrained sweetness and a youthfully chewy texture." Ian D'Agata, 2/2020

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[James Suckling