

## Vigneti del Vulture, Aglianico del Vulture `Pipoli` 2014

### PRODUCER

Valentino Sciotti (of Vesevo, Gran Sasso and other Farnese estates) took over this small co-operative in Basilicata in Acerenza in the heart of the Aglianico del Vulture zone in 2008. Consultant winemaker, Alberto Antonini now works with talented young winemaker, Dennis Verdicchia, and together they managed to capture the character of the grapes and the zone superbly in the bottle.

### VINEYARDS

The vineyards belonging to this estate are superb; low-trained and planted on the volcanic soils of the slopes of Mount Vulture at altitudes of up to 800 metres above sea level. The area is one of Italy's most remote and poorest. Isolated and uncontaminated it is, according to consultant winemaker Alberto Antonini, like stepping back in time a few centuries.

### VINTAGE

Summer rains and cool temperatures in 2014 made for a tough year in Basilicata. A mild winter and spring saw vines ahead of schedule by about two weeks in April. Clouds and cool days slowed the vines' growth and the wet summer made for a lot of work in the vineyards. Disease, including peronospora and acetic rot, meant that vineyard management and selection was necessary in order to harvest healthy grapes. The weather in September and during harvest was good, more typical for the time of year. Yields are lower than the 2013 bumper crop and a bit below the average for the region.

### VINIFICATION

On arrival at the winery the grapes were destemmed and gently crushed then the must fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks at temperatures up to 30-32°C. Frequent, gentle pumping over took place during fermentation and maceration which lasted approximately 30 days. Judicious oak influence softened the naturally high tannins after which the wine remained in tank until bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Garnet red in colour. The nose has layered, highly complex aromas with hints of underbrush, violets and cocoa. Full-bodied, the wine has a sweet red fruit character with delicate oak nuances and persistent fruit notes through to the finish.



### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2014
<b>Region</b>	Potenza, Basilicata
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Aglianico
<b>Winemaker</b>	Dennis Verdicchia
<b>Closure</b>	Natural Cork
<b>ABV</b>	13%
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl