



2014

AGLIANICO

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

Following in the footsteps of our tremendously well-received premier release of the 2013 Aglianico, the 2014 vintage elevates this unique variety even further! Impenetrable color. The mesmerizing aromatics boast crushed ripe raspberries, freshly poured asphalt, and perfume-laden rose petals. The wine is simultaneously brooding and lively. This dance is echoed on the palate with the structure and power for which Aglianico is known, and yet is lightened by a refreshing, graceful finish. Power with levity is one of the most elusive and beautiful characteristics in the world of wine, and this wine possesses both in abundance.

HISTORY

I first became interested Aglianico after discovering a bottle in New York City from Puglia. After researching it extensively and tasting all the Aglianicos I could get my hands on, I fell in love. This historic grape is planted almost exclusively in the volcanic soils of Southern Italy. My great grandparents, Francesco and Rosa Leonetti, immigrated to Walla Walla from Calabria, which of course furthered my intrigue and connectedness to the variety. Our Serra Pedace Vineyard, planted on a picturesque hilltop in the southern Walla Walla Valley, simply called to be named after Frank and Rosa's hometown. And, of course, I had to plant some Aglianico upon its terraces overlooking the valley.

VINIFICATION

Aglianico is very late to ripening. It is the last fruit we pick each season and inherently expresses its elegant, subtle fruit and aromatics with loads of tannin and acid. It requires four full years in the cellar before bottling, aging in primarily clay amphora and a small portion of oak barrels. This allows the wine to harmonize and the tannins and acids to soften and integrate. A fifth year in the bottle further rewards the finished product and we finally feel it is ready for release!

VINEYARDS IN THIS WINE
Serra Pedace

AGING PROFILE
44 months in terracotta amphorae, new and once-filled French oak barrels, and neutral oval botti

BLENDING DETAIL
100% Aglianico

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE
14.2%

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