

UNTI

DRY CREEK VALLEY

AGLIANICO

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GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED
BY UNTI VINEYARDS HEALDSBURG, CA

ALCOHOL 14.5% BY VOLUME

HARVESTED:

OCT 8, 2019

BRIX AVG:

25.1

BLEND:

100% AGLIANICO

ACIDITY:

5.8 g/L

pH:

3.68

ALCOHOL:

14.5 %

AGING:

17 MONTHS
FRENCH OAK
35% NEW

BOTTLED:

4/20/22

CASES:

275

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2019 AGLIANICO

VARIETAL & VINEYARD: This 100% aglianico comes from a 2-acre vineyard located on the Benchland property, planted in 2013. We planted aglianico on the Benchland property because, as a southern Italian variety, we felt that site would help it ripen earlier. It is typically one of the last vineyard blocks we harvest. Aglianico is considered the most distinguished red grape of Southern Italy. It is grown in the regions of Campania and Basilicata. The varietal has tiny berries with thick skins, which explains its color and tannin.

VINTAGE/HARVEST: 2019 was an excellent growing season, especially for our varieties that hail from the warmer European regions. This is our fourth vintage of aglianico, and the results continue to be more than encouraging. It is one of the latest ripening varietals on the estate and benefited from the slow and long growing season that was 2019. It was a temperate vintage with just the right amount of warm days in the late summer that enabled full development of aglianico's truly distinctive aromatics and plentiful tannins.

WINEMAKING: Our winemaking with Aglianico is pretty straightforward. The fruit is de-stemmed and sent to small (3-4 ton) open top tanks. After a 5-day cold soak, fermentation begins spontaneously with indigenous yeast. We punch down or pump over each tank daily. We then drain and press when the wine is fermented to dryness. Our Aglianico was aged in french oak barrels, 35% new for 17 months.

STYLE/DESCRIPTION: Our fourth vintage of Aglianico is very much in the style of the great Taurasi DOCG. It features very deep color, with incredible aromas of dried rose petals, prunes and spice. The '19 vintage provided a bit riper fruit, allowing this wine to show well early. The wine is quite full-bodied with excellent fruit, and the tannin structure to age at least 7 to 10 years.— MJU