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**In the Feb. 2008 *Wine Advocate*,
Antonio Galloni names Re Manfredi's
Aglianico del Vulture 2001 "A Terrific Effort"**

At their best, Italian wines embody a blend of alluring aromas, profound fruit with depth and minerality, and focused, angular acidity that is unique in the world of wine. Among Italian grape varieties, the ancient Aglianico is emerging to rival Nebbiolo and Sangiovese. Aglianico wines have grown in popularity in the U.S., along with the regional culture, food and wines of southern Italy.

The Re Manfredi estate was founded in 1998 in Basilicata. Plentiful sunshine and the parched, hilly farmlands at fairly high elevation, combine with volcanic soils found south of the dormant volcano Monte Vulture, to form ideal growing conditions for Aglianico in the Aglianico del Vulture DOC. Italian wine connoisseurs note that while wines from the Aglianico Del Vulture zone in Basilicata are less famous than the Taurasi of neighboring Campania, they're often better.

The 95-hectare estate is run like a top Barolo or Brunello property with an unwavering focus on quality. This approach has resulted in a *Due Bicchieri* award for the 2001 Aglianico del Vulture from *Gambero Rosso*, helping consolidate the young estate as a benchmark Aglianico producer.

Re Manfredi Aglianico del Vulture 2001

92 pts.



"Re Manfredi's 2001 Aglianico del Vulture possesses superb depth and richness. This mid-weight, complex Aglianico reveals an exciting array of smoke, earthiness, leather, tobacco, mint and dark cherries in a style that is at times very generous, then turning almost weightless and classic. The level of nuance present in this wine makes me think that it will develop into an even more beautiful wine in the coming years. It is a terrific effort. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2021."

