



BASILICATA

The warm weather started a bit later this year. There were temperature fluctuations during the flowering phase of the vines that caused some problems. It rained at the right moment and with the right intensity so that the vines did not suffer from hydric stress during the summer.

Filomena Ruppi wife of Donato D'Angelo owner of Azienda Agricola D'Angelo (Aglianico del Vulture, Basilicata IGT): "...we started picking on the 22nd of October and we finished on the 2nd of November. We have Aglianico and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes in our vineyards and these varieties ripen at the same time. The grapes were perfectly ripe at harvest. We waited for the "classical" dates before picking Aglianico, so that the grapes could ripen properly. We were favoured by a very sunny and warm month of October. The grape yield was higher this year (8 tons/hectare) especially in the younger vineyards...At the moment we are still racking off the last vats, but the colour of the wines is very intense and the alcohol strength is average. 2013 is a good vintage...."