

Founded in 1890 as a direct result of a marriage between Giacomo Damilano and a Borgogno, **Damilano** is one of the oldest Barolo brands, specialising in classic Langhe reds such as Barolo, Dolcetto d'Alba, and Barbera d'Alba. Until the mid-1990s, Damilano was managed by three of Giacomo Damilano's six sons, following in their father's footsteps, but at the death of both Francesco and Giuseppe within a few months of each other, the reins passed to Sebastiano, the third brother, and to Giovanni, another brother who had not been involved to that point.

A turning point was reached in 1997, when the younger generations took over and involved more branches of the family; their declared goal was to restore to the brand its past luster, gaining more substantial market presence and higher quality wines. Their ace: the ownership of a 55-year-old section of the historical Cannubi cru, with south-southeast exposure, universally considered among the best there. The younger Damilanos brought with them important changes in wine style. The Barolo blend from various grape sources gave way to two different Barolos, one Cannubi, the other Liste (from a 35-year-old vineyard), the crus planted at 3,300 vines per hectare and trained in the Guyot system. The wines are vinified separately, with average-length macerations of about 12 days, and barriques replaced large botti, the new oak averaging about 40-50%.

Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018

CSPC# 725253

750mlx6

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Nebbiolo

Winemaker

Beppe Caviola/ Giuseppe Caviolasince/ Alessandro Bonelli, enologist

Vintage

The 2018 vintage was characterized by a long winter with abundant snow and then rain in the spring, restoring the precious water reserve after 2017 experienced very little rainfall. May and early June required careful monitoring of grape health. The year continued with a hot and dry summer, and the abundant quantity of fruit required the elimination of excess bunches (thinning of 30-35%). An ideal climate in the last weeks of summer and then mild days and cool nights of September allowed for a gradual maturation and the development of elegant and complex aromas and flavors.

Vineyards

The Cannubi Cru is in found within one of the 6 core zones which comprise the fiftieth UNESCO site in Italy. A mixture of Tortonian and Helvetian calcareous marl gives the grapes intense aromas of cherry, plum, tobacco, rose and violet. Its low potassium and high calcium/magnesium content offer the wine a fine and polished touch. Calcareous with 45% sand, 35% limestone, 20% clay. The vineyard is located at about 270 m. a.s.l. and has a south-south-east sun exposure.

**Vinification/
Maturation**

Rotary fermenter for 20 days fermentation at a controlled temperature. Aged 24 months in French oak barriques (40% new-60% 2nd-3rd used ones), and a further 12 months in the bottle before release.

Tasting Notes

Garnet ruby red in color with orange reflections. The bouquet is ample and embracing, with pronounced fruity notes of cherry and plum and notes of tobacco, liquorice and cocoa. On the palate, the wine is harmonious, pleasantly dry with soft tannins, broad and full-bodied. Persistent finish.

Serve with

Cannubi is a sumptuous wine, perfect with the full-flavoured Piedmontese cuisine such as white truffle -based dishes and braised meat. Ideal with the refined dishes of the great international gastronomy.

Cellaring

Drink 2024-2038

Production

3,300 cases made.



Scores **93 points** - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator - December 2022

92 points - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast - September 2022

94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - June 2022

94 points - Monica Larner, Wine Advocate - June 2022

97 points - Decanter World Wine Awards 2022

94 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2022

94 points - Raffaele Vecchione, WinesCritic.com (score only) - January 2022

Reviews *"A supple red, with pure rose and cherry themes supported by vibrant acidity and refined tannins. Balanced and refreshing, with accents of mint, pine and mineral that linger. Best from 2025 through 2042. 3,300 cases made."*

- BS, Wine Spectator

"A nice balance of ripe berries and almost plummy fruit on the nose, following through to a medium-to full-bodied palate, where more savory notes of fresh nuts and ferns really get going, adding complexity and interest. The fine-grained tannins give good support. Like the intensity and balance here. Try from 2024."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"The 2018 Barolo Cannubi is a bright and lively expression with wild fruit and cassis over a tight and elegant mouthfeel. This is a wine of texture and persistence, and you feel its silky effects on the palate for many minutes. It spreads wide and deep, revealing savory flavors of spice, licorice, and a metallic touch of iron. The alcohol content is a bit much at 15%, but there is enough texture here to soften its effects. Some 40,000 bottles were released (and the glass weight used on this wine and the other cru selections is on the heavy side)."

- ML, Wine Advocate

"Aromas of ripe, black-skinned fruit, menthol, leather, and tobacco slowly appear in the glass. Chewy and concentrated, the palate shows dried black cherry, licorice and espresso alongside taut close-grained tannins that grip the close. Drink 2024—2031."

- KO, Wine Enthusiast

"A polished wine with charming layers of fruit and complexity. The enchanting aromas of red cherry, rambutan, strawberry, and rose develop and open into a deeply flavoured palate. A velvety wrap of tannins surrounds the dark plums and morello cherry and a light dusting of vanilla. [Drink 2025-2043+]"

- Decanter

"Bright garnet red with ruby red reflections. Intense on the nose of ripe plums and rich wild berries, with a hint of leathery and undergrowth in the aftertaste. Fresh and juicy on the palate, with lots of ripe tannin, spreads beautifully and smoothly over the tongue, with a lot of pull in the finish."

- PM, Falstaff Magazine

"Mature and with a bohemian character, it shows a delicate and sensual profile reminiscent of withered rose petals, orange blossoms, chamomile, mature cheese, and coffee powder. In the background the shade of lemongrass dominates the secondary scene. Full body, perfectly polymerized tannins and an iconic finish that stands out for its gracefulness and juiciness. Drink now or grow old."

- RV, WinesCritic.com
