

Founded in 1890 as a direct result of a marriage between Giacomo Damilano and a Morgoglio, **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 lustre, gaining more substantial market presence and higher quality wines. Their success came with 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 Liste 2008

CSPC# 725254

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Beppe Caviola
Vineyards	Grapes are from the municipalities of Barolo, (single vineyard Liste), where the vines are approx. 35 years old, and the soil is of calcareous-clay. Yields are approx. 4-5 tons per hectare. Born from the noble Nebbiolo varietal cultivated in Barolo, this wine benefits from the generous, calcareous-clay soil with a good quantity of sand that is found on the prestigious Cannubi hill. An old vine wine, Barolo Liste is crafted from 35 year old vines with desirable east exposure.
Vinification/ Maturation	Rotary fermenter for 8 days fermentation at a controlled temperature. Aged in 50% new tonneaux, 50% barriques, 2nd/3rd ageing for 24 months.
Tasting Notes	The wine has a striking garnet, ruby red color with subtle orange reflections. It has an ample nose with evident notes of cherry and plum that evolve into hints of tobacco, licorice and cocoa. On the palate, it has a harmonic flavor that is pleasantly dry, with soft tannins and full body.
Serve with	A wine closely linked to the great culinary Piedmontese tradition, perfect with white truffle-based dishes and braised meat, ideal with the refined dishes of the great international gastronomy. Serve at 16-17°C.
Cellaring	Ready to drink, excellent also within the next 10/15 years.
Scores/Awards	93 points - Monica Lerner, Wine Enthusiast - September 1, 2012 92 points - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2013 92 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - July 19, 2012 (score only) 92 points - Huon Hooke, thoonhooke.com (score only) 90 points - Wine & Spirits Magazine - April 2012 90 points - Antonio Galloni, Wine Advocate #200 - April 2012 17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2012 (score only)



Reviews *"Leads off with sandalwood, cedar and graphite aromas, followed by cherry, licorice, leather and mineral flavors. Intense and rich, remaining elegant and firmly structured. Offers a fine aftertaste of spice and mineral. Best from 2015 through 2030. 580 cases made."*
- BS, Wine Spectator

"The 2008 Barolo Liste shows the more muscular, sinewy side of Barolo from the town of Barolo. The 2008 is a big, imposing wine, but I am not sure it has enough fruit to stand up to the considerable French oak. Dark cherries, plums, licorice and new leather flow through to the authoritative, virile finish. If the Liste fleshes out it will merit a higher score, but today the wine is very compact. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2026. These 2008s from Damilano required considerable aeration to show the full breadth of their potential. At times, the wines still seem excessively oaked."
- AG, Wine Advocate

"Despite the difficult vintage, this is a fantastic wine. It opens with bright, bold aromas of ripe fruit, blackberry, tobacco, cedar, licorice and dried rosemary. There's a pleasurable touch of chocolate fudge that backs the smooth, rich tannins. This wine should last long in your cellar."
- ML, Wine Enthusiast

"From a cru in the commune of Barolo, Liste is brisk and bright in 2008. The formidable tannins don't allow the wine to yield a lot of flavor at the moment, limited to edges of red spice. If you open this now, give it a day in a decanter; better to cellar it for ten years."
- Wine & Spirits Magazine
