

DAMILANO

(PIEDMONT, NORTH-WESTERN ITALY)

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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 lustre, 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%.

Barbera d'Alba DOC Lablù 2021

CSPC# 729035

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Barbera
Winemaker	Giuseppe Caviola
Vineyards	Vineyards in the municipalities of Barolo & Serralunga. Vine age 30-50 years, in calcerous-clay soil. Average altitude is 300-350 metres, with a west south-west exposure.
Harvest	Harvested in October each year. Average of 7.5 tons/hectare.
Vinification/ Maturation	Maceration in stainless steel barrels for 15 days fermentation at a controlled temperature. Traditional vinification. Aged in 50% Tonneaux and 50% large oak barrels for 12 months. Aged 6 months in the bottle.
Winemaker's Notes	A 100% Barbera vineyard that pleases the nostrils with an ample and complex scent, with fruit notes of blackberry and cherry, as well as spice notes of cinnamon, vanilla, and green pepper, with a fully body and a pleasant freshness and salinity.
Tasting Notes	Barbera d'Alba "Lablù" is a full and pleasantly fresh red wine that is born in the Langhe of Piedmont. Ruby red-purple in color, it diffuses aromas of cherry, blackberry, plum, spices, light vanilla accents, and earthy nuances. It has a body of good structure, generous and soft, of pleasant fruity continuity and rich freshness.
Serve with	Excellent with red meat, braised and roasted meat, game, and ideal with all types of cheeses. Serve at 16-17°C.
Production	22000 bottles made.
Cellaring	Ready to drink, excellent also within the next 5-8 years.
Scores/Awards	92 points - James Suckling.com (score only) - August 2022



Langhe doc Arneis 2022

CSPC# 752496

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Arneis
Winemaker	Giuseppe Caviolasince
Vineyards	A pure expression of Arneis, the grapes destined for this wine are cultivated in a generous, calcareous-clay-sand soil from the town of Veza d'Alba. Vine age 20 years.
Harvest	Average of 8-9 tonnes/hectare.
Vinification/ Maturation	Vinification: fermentation at temperature controlled for 20 days Ageing: 100% stainless steel. Aged in the bottle for 2 months prior to release.
Tasting Notes	Beautiful straw yellow color and on the palate, it is nice and dry, elegant with a beautiful fresh fruity bouquet. For us, it is a wine with a great price/quality ratio and the great thing about the Damilano Arneis is the acidity, which makes this wine especially very harmonious.
Serve with	Great with starters, first course, and vegetable dishes. Try white meats like turkey and chicken. In terms of sauces for an Arneis food pairing, go with a carbonara, lighter cheese sauces, and milder curries. In the summer we like cold ham and salami as well as ham cooked on the bone.
Cellaring	Ready to drink now - 2028. Serve at 8-10°C.
Production	Approx. 4,000 cases made annually.
General Info	Arneis means "rascal" in Italian, so named for its ability to beguile the most patient winemakers
Scores/Awards	91 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - June 2023 90 points - Decanter World Wine Awards 2023
Reviews	<i>"Fresh and floral with chalky lemons, citrus blossom, and white nectarines on the nose. Medium-bodied, juicy and textured with a sleek, fruity mid-palate. Flavorful and round in the finish."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Fragrant acacia, citrus and peach aromas with a fresh, limpid palate, a chalky acidity and a long, multi-layered finish."
- Decanter



Barolo DOCG Lecinquevigne 2019

CSPC# 725251

750mlx6

14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Beppe Caviola/ Giuseppe Caviolasince
Vineyards	Grapes are from the municipalities of Barolo, Verduno, Grinzane Cavour, La Morra, Novello, where the vines are approx. 30-50 years old, and the soils are a mix of Limestone and clay. Yields are approx. 6.5 tons per hectare.
Harvest	Harvested in October each year. Average of 70 quintals/hectare.
Vinification/ Maturation	Traditional vinification for 15 days. Fermentation at a controlled temperature. 20% second used barriques for 24 months – 80% large barrels. 12 months ageing in the bottle.
Tasting Notes	Ruby red in color with orange reflections. An intense bouquet, with tertiary notes of rose, leather, tobacco and emerging notes of violet and tar. The palate is ample and embracing, with prevailing impressions of a soft, persistent long finish.
Serve with Cellaring	Lecinquevigne is perfect for braised meat, game, mushrooms, and aged cheeses. Ready to drink now, excellent also within the next 10 years. Drink 2024-2038
Production	5,800 cases made
Scores/Awards	92 points - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator - October 2023 93 points - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate - August 2023 93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2022 97 points - Decanter World Wine Awards - June 2023 Best in Show - Decanter World Wine Awards - June 2023
Reviews	<i>"A taut, linear red, with macerated cherry and plum flavors augmented by hay, spices, and iron. This has ample fruit and savory notes waiting to shine through once the tannic structure mellows. Best from 2026 through 2045. 5,800 cases made."</i> - BS, Wine Spectator
Reviews	<i>"With fruit from Brunate, Liste, Cerequio, Cannubi and Raviolo, the 2019 Barolo Lecinquevigne is a little subdued on first nose and would benefit from more time in bottle. This wine offers an appellation-wide taste of Nebbiolo, and the focus, consequently, is on the grape, more than any single vineyard. These kinds of blends work very well in a vintage like 2019 that holds its own in terms of balance, intensity, and texture. With 70,000 bottles made, this is the most accessible and affordable Barolo in the Damilano portfolio."</i> - ML, Wine Advocate
	<i>"Very perfumed and pretty with ripe berry, terra-cotta, and rose petal aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a lovely creamy texture. Fresh and bright. Delicious now but will age nicely. Drink or hold."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com
	<i>"A wine of gentleness and refinement, with bright plum fruits and warm spice apparent in the aromas. It's ample in the palate yet round-contoured. The tannins are unimposing and supportive, resonant and flavory. Best in Show, Decanter World Wine Awards."</i> - Decanter



Nebbiolo Langhe Marghe 2019

CSPC# 733438

750mlx6

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Giuseppe Caviolasince
About the Name	"Marghe" is the nick name of Margherita Damilano (Guido's sister) who passed away in 2010. This label is dedicated to her.
Vineyards	Nebbiolo is the oldest indigenous red-grape vine of Piedmont and one of the noblest and most prestigious in Italy. Its name derives from 'nebbia', the Italian word for mist or fog: some say this is owing to the 'misty' look of its grapes, with their velvety covering, and others say that it is because the late-ripening grape is often harvested during early autumn fogs. This 100% Nebbiolo wine is cultivated in 30 to 50-year-old vineyards that benefit from the rich calcareous clay soil from Alba and Diano d'Alba. Average altitude is 300-400 metres, with a south south-west exposure.
Harvest	Harvested in October each year. Average of 7 tonnes/hectare. Nebbiolo is a demanding vine, needing exactly the right soil type, a south-facing hillside, pruning and training. A calcareous tufa-based soil is ideal for this vine that buds early - towards the middle of April - and ripens later than most other varieties, around the middle of October
Vinification/ Maturation	Vinification: fermentation for 12 days at 28° to 30°C in stainless steel tanks. Ageing: 12 months in barriques, 40% new, 60% in 2nd-3rd used ones, plus 12 months in the bottle.
Winemaker's Notes	Ruby red with soft garnet reflections, the bouquet has very typical delicate notes reminiscent of violet and red fruits. The wine finishes dry, rightly tannic, with a velvety, harmonic full body.
Tasting Notes	Nebbiolo "Marghe" Damilano is a smooth, fresh and juicy Piedmontese red wine, aged for 12 months in large oak barrels. Smells of red fruits, flowers and spices. The taste is fresh, fruity, round and well balanced
Serve with	Excellent with all kinds of roasted and braised meat, beef stew, game, mushroom risotto, pasta Bolognese, and aged cheese.
Cellaring Production	Ready to drink, excellent also within the next 5-8 years. Drink 2022-2027. 70,000 bottles produced. 5,800 cases made.
Scores/Awards	91 points - Monica Larner, eRobertParker.com - June 2022 89 points - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator - December 2022 90 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - June 2022
Reviews	<i>"Lean, compact, and even a little spicy on the close, the Damilano 2019 Langhe Nebbiolo Marghe is an accessible, easy-drinking wine that is loaded with lots of fun varietal character. Wild rose, cassis, cherry, and pencil shavings are part of that playlist. The wine's lean texture, its primary fruit and its freshness give Marghe its food-friendly edge. This is an ample production of 70,000 bottles."</i> - ML, Wine Advocate <i>"Medium-bodied red with orange peel, sour cherries, redcurrants, mushrooms, and slate on the nose. Firm yet silky tannins here, with a savory and sleek palate."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com <i>"Features fruity elements of cherry and strawberry enhanced by truffle and white pepper accents. This is supported by a base of dusty tannins. Moderate length."</i> - BS, Wine Spectator



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 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, Falsatff 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



Reviews *“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
