# DAMILANO

(PIEDMONT, NORTH-WESTERN ITALY)

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DAMILANO

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%.

## Nebbiolo Langhe Marghe 2021

**CSPC# 733438** **750mlx6** **14.0% alc./vol.**




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| **Grape Variety** | *100% Nebbiolo* |
| **Analysis** | T.A: 5.34 g/L pH: 3.18 Residual Sugar: 0.44 g/L |
| **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.<br>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.<br>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.<br>Excellent with all kinds of roasted and braised meats, game and aged cheeses. |
| **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** | Ready to drink, excellent also within the next 5-8 years. Drink 2022-2027. |

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**Production** 5,800 cases made.

**Scores/Awards**
**89 points** - Monica Larner, eRobertParker.com - April 2024
**87 points** - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator - December 2023
**90 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - June 2022
**88 points** - Decanter World Wine Awards - 2023

**Reviews**
*"The Damilano 2021 Langhe Nebbiolo Marghe has a soft approach with ripe fruit, cooked cherry and strawberry. Those sunny tones are offset by spice, toasted cumin seed and hint of rusty iron. The full package feels precise and sharp in terms of mouthfeel, and that impression is backed by fine tannins. This is a 70,000-bottle production."*
*- ML, Wine Advocate*

*"Aromas of ripe cherries and red plums with aged citrus peel, licorice and cloves. Notes of bark and nutmeg, too. Medium- to full-bodied, firm and chalky with crunchy tannins and vivid dark fruit. Dry and a little tight in the finish."*
*- JS, JamesSuckling.com*

*"Though not expressive in flavor, offering muted cherry, berry, earth and wild herbs, this is dense and almost chewy, with pliable tannins. Compact finish. Drink now through 2027. 5,800 cases made."*
*- BS, Wine Spectator*