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## Eve's Wine 101: The Wines from Beni di Batasiolo

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I didn't know much about the Beni Di Batasiolo family-owned winery "in the heart of Barolo" until I saw a full page ad in Tasting Panel magazine listing six of their wines that have received 90 points or higher in ratings by Tasting Panel, Wine Spectator and Wine Enthusiast magazines. So, suffice it to say, I was enthusiastic about reviewing the three samples I had received. Not to compare myself with the big guns, I left off rating

numbers and will give you my tasting notes alone:

### '11 Cortese Gavi (100%) Hillside

12.5% alcohol

I was greeted by a color of clear pale hay with a thin band of lemon on the edge. On the nose I got lemon-lime, pear, unsweetened butter, kiwi and ripe green apple. The taste delivered a nice viscosity over my mouth, a crisp acidity that made my taste buds stand up and take notice but didn't dry my mouth, followed by the fruit-salad flavors of orange, lime, grapefruit and a bit of pineapple lingering in for a long finish. Would like to try this wine again with a cold seafood salad, hummus and chips or Chinese food.

This elegant, fine white wine is made from Cortese grapes grown in the specific area of the village of Gavi. It stands out for ...[\(more from website\)](#)

### '09 Sovrana Barbera d'Alba (100%) (Pictures above)

14% alcohol

A lovely ruby red color that stretched out to a garnet edge was followed by aromas of black cherry, plum, mint, mushroom, earth, green bell pepper and the palest hint of cigar. The taste was bright red fruits, white pepper, pale tannins and a short finish. As I didn't decant, I gave myself a full pour to try in 20 minutes and found...the fruit opened up and increased the length to a much longer finish.

The area of production of this wine extends over the hills of the Langhe in the Barolo wine-growing area....[\(more from website\)](#)

### '07 Barolo (100% Nebbiolo)

15% alcohol

Starting with a golden garnet color, this Barolo had nuances of blackberry, blueberry, black pepper, satiny chocolate and black olives on the nose that just coaxed me in to a taste. I got nice tannins,

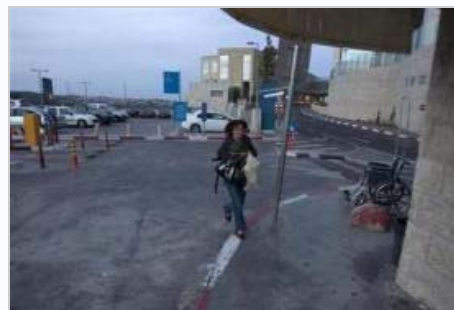
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red fruits, pepper, a delicate dryness, stewed mushrooms, blackened game, toasted oak, smoke, tobacco and a medium length on the finish.

This wine is made from Nebbiolo grapes grown on the slopes of the Barolo wine-making area, which is formed by eleven villages all located on the lower spurs of the Langhe...(more from website)

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