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Star Wine List celebrates top wine lists in Baltics

Star Wine List of the Year is celebrating the best wine lists in the Baltic countries for the very first time, with Time to Wine Rotermanni in Tallinn walking off with the much-coveted top prize, the Grand Prix award. At the event held yesterday (November 19th) in Tallin, several other top Baltic restaurants and wine bars also received Gold Stars in recognition of the quality of their lists.

“We were delighted to find some great wine lists in the Baltics category, although there is still much more work to do to open the spectrum of wines from around the world, especially from the New World and other less traditional wine regions,” said jury member Paz Levinson. “There is a classicism behind the lists but we found very fair winners in each category.”

Star Wine List of the Year is a celebration of the best wine lists around the world, and the teams behind them. The prize is awarded in eleven categories, and the winners in each received a Gold Star with several qualifying for the international final, which will be held in June 2024.

The Baltics event took place during the Food and Wine Festival in Tallinn on Sunday 19 November, in cooperation with the Baltic sommelier associations. Nyetimber, Austrian Wine and Symington Family Estates were category sponsors.

About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year Baltics 2023 comprises a panel of top international sommeliers:

Julie Dupouy-Young, Best Sommelier of Ireland several times

Heidi Mäkinen, Master of Wine

Piotr Pietras, Master Sommelier

Paz Levinson, named Best Sommelier of Americas

Winners

Grand Prix

The best overall list

Gold Star Baltics overall: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn, Estonia

Best Long List

The best wine list with over 600 listings

Gold Star Estonia and Baltics overall: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn

Gold Star Latvia: **Noble Wine Bar**, Riga



Best Austrian Wine List

The best wine list with Austrian wine, a category presented by Austrian Wine

Gold Star Latvia and the Baltics overall: **Barents**, Riga

Gold Star Estonia: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn

Gold Star Lithuania: **SOMM The Wine Bar**, Vilnius

Best Sparkling Wine List

The best list with sparkling wine, a category presented by Nyetimber

Gold Stars Estonia and the Baltics overall: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn & **Chin Chin wine bar**, Tallinn

Gold Star Latvia: **Barents**, Riga

Gold Star Lithuania: **Restaurant Pacai**, Vilnius

Best Medium-Sized List

The best wine list with 200-600 listings

Gold Star Latvia and Baltics overall: **Barents**, Riga

Gold Star Estonia: **Chin Chin wine bar**, Tallinn

Gold Star Lithuania: **Restaurant Pacai**, Vilnius

Best California Wine List

The best wine list with wines from California

Gold Star Latvia and the Baltics overall: **Tauro Riga**, Riga

Gold Star Estonia: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn

Best By the Glass List

The best wine list by the glass

Gold Star Estonia and the Baltics overall: **Time to Wine Rotermanni**, Tallinn

Gold Star Latvia: **Nomad**, Riga

Gold Star Lithuania: **SOMM The Wine Bar**, Vilnius

Sustainable Wine List

Recognizes a wine list that has put extra emphasis on the wine program's impact, including wine growing, winemaking, packaging and transport.

Gold Star Baltics overall: **Fotografiska Tallinn**, Tallinn, Estonia

Best Short List

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

Gold Star Latvia and Baltics overall: **Lowine bar**, Riga

Gold Star Estonia: **38 Restaurant**, Tallinn

Gold Star Lithuania: **14 Horses**, Vilnius



Best Newcomer List

Recognizes a venue that has opened recently

Gold Star Estonia and the Baltics overall: **Chin Chin wine bar**, Tallinn

Gold Star Latvia: **Lowine bar**, Riga

Gold Star Lithuania: **14 Horses**, Vilnius

Best Portuguese Wine List

The best list with Portuguese wine, a category presented by Symington Family Estates

Gold Star Lithuania and the Baltics overall: **Restaurant Pacai**, Vilnius

Gold Star Estonia: **180 Degrees Restaurant**, Tallinn

Gold Star Latvia: **Riviera**, Riga

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Star Wine List is the award-winning guide to great wine bars and wine restaurants around the world. It is available as an app and on www.starwinelist.com. It was launched in Stockholm (Sweden) in 2017, and is now live in more than 35 countries in the world. All venues are selected by top wine professionals.