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## **Belgium's top wine lists celebrated by Star Wine List for first time**

**Star Wine List of the Year is celebrating the very best of Belgium's wine lists, with Restaurant Sans Cravate in Bruges winning three gold medals, including the top prize the Grand Prix, while Convento in Leuven was awarded two golds.**

"It was a very exciting judging process," said jury member and Master Sommelier Piotr Pietras. "There is a variety of choice for wine lovers in Belgium - wine lists are very well-balanced regardless of their size and offer interesting options in each price category."

Star Wine List of the Year is the celebration of great wine lists and the teams behind them in several countries around the world.

The prizes are awarded in ten categories, and the winners in each category receive a Gold Star and also qualify for the international final which will take place in June 2024. The Belgian event, the first time the competition has taken place in the country, was held during the Best Sommelier of Belgium contest in Antwerp, organised by *Guilde des Sommeliers de Belgique*.

### About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year Belgium 2023 comprises four renowned sommeliers:  
Julie Dupouy-Young, Best Sommelier of Ireland several times  
Ronan Sayburn, Master Sommelier  
Piotr Pietras, Master Sommelier  
Antoine Lehebel, Best Sommelier of Belgium 2014

### Winners

#### **Grand Prix**

The best overall list, a category presented by Premium Estates of Austria  
Gold Star: **Restaurant Sans Cravate**

#### **Best Long List**

The best wine list with over 600 listings  
Gold Stars: **Restaurant Sans Cravate**

#### **Best Medium-Sized List**

The best wine list with 200-600 listings  
Gold Star: **Convento**



### **Best California Wine List**

The best wine list with wines from California

Gold Star: **Terminus**

### **Best Sparkling Wine List**

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

Gold Star: **Restaurant Sans Cravate**

### **Best Austrian Wine List**

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

Gold Star: **Paul de Pierre**

### **Best By the Glass List**

The best wine list by the glass, a category presented by Young Charly

Gold Star: **Zilte**

### **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: **Convento**

### **Best Short List**

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

Gold Star: **Ta-nnin**

### **Best Newcomer List**

Recognizes a venue that has opened recently

Gold Star: **Restaurant Imprévu by De Barrier**

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