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# The best wine lists in the world revealed: Alchemist wins Grand Prix

On June 19th, the Star Wine List of the Year international final was held in Sweden after a tour of ten competitions around the world. Danish restaurant Alchemist won the prestigious Grand Prix for the best long wine list.

"I really enjoyed judging the final as many of the lists I already knew about, but there were some countries I haven't been judging lately and I found terrific lists that I really took pleasure in reading and judging. This final shows how important Star Wine List is to highlight the best in the world and make a connection between them, expanding the sommelier and the wine lovers community," says jury member and top sommelier Pascaline Lepeltier.

The event took place live in Stockholm on 19 June, and many top sommeliers from around the world were joining the finals live – including Arvid Rosengren, Nina Jensen and Reeze Choi. The event was also live-streamed.

#### All the winners

Alchemist, Copenhagen, Denmark
Haoma, Bangkok, Thailand
ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town, South Africa
La Salut, Redfern, Australia
Trivet, London, UK
Restaurant St. Barts, London, UK
Babette, Stockholm, Sweden
Wallsé, New York City, USA
Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Pocantico Hills, USA
Prism, Berlin, Germany

Grand Prix
Sustainable Wine List - shared win
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Special Jury Prize
Best Medium-Sized List
Best Short List - shared win
Best Short List - shared win
Best Austrian Wine List
Best Sparkling Wine List
Best By The Glass List

## About the Jury

The jury's task has been to choose the most exciting wine list in each category. The jury consists of five world-class international sommeliers:

Paz Levinson
Reeze Choi
Nina Højgaard Jensen
Pascaline Lepeltier



# Ronan Sayburn MS

# All the winners – per category

### **Grand Prix**

The best large wine list, with more than 600 references, a category presented by Domaine Laroche.

Gold Star: Alchemist, Copenhagen

Other finalists: Skigaarden – Hemsedal, Aubergine - Cape Town, Bentley Restaurant & Wine Bar – Sydney, Core by Clare Smyth – London, Momofuku Ko - New York City, Nobelhart und Schmutzig – Berlin, PM & Vänner – Växjö, Savoy - Helsinki, Robuchon au Dôme – Macau.

#### **Best Austrian Wine List**

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

Gold Star: Wallsé, New York City

Other finalists: Admiralgade 26 – Copenhagen, Happolati – Oslo, Rockpool Bar & Grill – Perth, Newcomer Wines – London, Freundschaft – Berlin, Heaven 23 – Gothenburg, Restaurant Grön – Helsinki, Ginza Soseki – Tokyo.

## **Best By the Glass List**

The best wine list by the glass.

Gold Star: Prism, Berlin

Other finalists: Bar'Vin – Copenhagen, Park Hotel Vossevangen – Voss, Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa – Johannesburg, Ten Minutes by Tractor - Mornington Peninsula, Noble Rot Soho – London, Eleven Madison Park - New York City, Operakällaren – Stockholm, Omadi Bar & Bistro – Helsinki, Bar Cyclone - Hong Kong.

## **Best Sparkling Wine List**

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

Gold Star: Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Pocantico Hills

Other finalists: Alchemist – Copenhagen, Skigaarden – Hemsedal, Aubergine - Cape Town, Rockpool Bar & Grill – Perth, Les 110 de Taillevent – London, Nobelhart und Schmutzig – Berlin, Operakällaren – Stockholm, Carelia – Helsinki, Ensue – Shenzhen.

#### **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: ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town and Haoma, Bangkok



Other finalists: Credo – Trondheim, Settler's Tavern - Margaret River, Farmyard - St Leonards-on-Sea, Tonchin Brooklyn - New York City, Frea – Berlin, Hörte Brygga – Skivarp, Restaurant Grön – Helsinki.

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

The best wine list with 200-600 listings.

Gold Star: Trivet, London

Other finalists: Admiralgade 26 – Copenhagen, Culture Wine Bar - Cape Town, La Salut – Redfern, Pinch Chinese - New York City, Wallsé - New York City, Prism – Berlin, Agnes – Stockholm, Basbas Kulma – Helsinki., Hakkasan Shanghai - Shanghai.

#### **Best Short List**

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings, a category presented by DAOU.

Gold Star: Babette, Stockholm and Restaurant St. Barts, London

Other finalists: Restaurant Radio – Copenhagen, La Colombe – Constantia, Embla – Melbourne, Tonchin Brooklyn - New York City, nineOfive Regensburg – Regensburg, BasBas Baskeri & Basso – Helsinki, Seroja – Singapore.

# **Special Jury Prize**

Recognizes a venue that has done something out of the ordinary.

Gold Star: La Salut, Redfern

Other finalists: LAGO – Copenhagen, Territoriet – Oslo, Embarc – Johannesburg, Chez Bruce – London, Chambers - New York City, Franz Keller Schwarzer Adler - Vogtsburg-Oberbergen, Heaven 23 – Gothenburg, Voisine – Stockholm, Basbas Kulma – Helsinki, Grand Majestic Sichuan - Hong Kong.

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