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## **Star Wine List celebrated South Africa's top wine lists - Golds to Constantia, Cape Town and Johannesburg**

**On Oct. 4, at the Champagne Telmont Best Young Sommelier of South Africa 2022 event in Stellenbosch, Star Wine List of the Year celebrated the great wine lists in South Africa. Aubergine Restaurant in Cape Town won two categories: Grand Prix and Best Sparkling Wine List.**

“A superbly curated selection of wines, not only showcasing highlights from the Cape – even from the 1970s! – but also carefully chosen vigneron champagnes, matured Rieslings and many off-the beaten track choices, even in smaller wine producing countries like New Zealand,” says jury member Marc Almert, Best Sommelier of the World 2019, about Aubergine’s winning wine list.

Star Wine List of the Year is a celebration of the great wine lists in the world and the teams behind them. In South Africa, the prize was awarded in seven categories, and the winners in each category got a Gold Star and also qualified for the international final (to be held in June 2023). This was the first ever Star Wine List of the Year South Africa, with Winterhalter and TOPS at SPAR as category sponsors.

“Being in South Africa and hosting this event, meeting the dedicated teams behind the wine lists and the restaurant community is such an honor. It is also great to see that restaurants all over the country are building amazing wine lists,” says Liora Levi, Star Wine List Ambassador Manager.

### About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year South Africa 2022 includes local judge Tawanda Marume (Best Sommelier of Zimbabwe 2020), and three of the most renowned sommeliers in the world: Heidi Mäkinen (Master of Wine, President Finnish Sommelier Association), Marc Almert (ASI Best Sommelier of the World 2019) and Piotr Pietras (Master Sommelier)



## Winners

### **By the glass**

The best wine list by the glass

**Gold Star: Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg**

#### **Silver Stars:**

- Café du Vin, Franschhoek
- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- ðlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Simon Wine Emporium, Stellenbosch

### **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: ðlgr restaurant, Cape Town**

### **Sparkling Wine List**

The best list with sparkling wine

**Gold Star: Aubergine Restaurant, Cape Town**

#### **Silver Stars:**

- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg
- SanDeck Sandton Sun, Johannesburg
- Zioux, Johannesburg

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

The best wine list with 200-600 listings

**Gold Star: Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town**

#### **Silver Stars:**



- Ellerman House, Cape Town
- FYN Restaurant, Cape Town
- Ivory Manor Boutique Hotel, Pretoria
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Signature Restaurant, Johannesburg

### **Special Jury Prize**

Recognizes a venue that has done something out of the ordinary, presented by TOPS at SPAR.

#### **Gold Star: Embarc, Johannesburg**

#### **Silver Stars:**

- Folk Café, Cape Town
- Penny Noire, Cape Town
- Silver Orange, Hartbeespoort
- The Service Station Wine Bar, Rosendal

### **Best Short List**

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

#### **Gold Star: La Colombe, Constantia**

#### **Silver Stars:**

- ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Lanzerac Taphuis, Stellenbosch
- Proud Mary, Johannesburg
- Simon Wine Emporium, Stellenbosch
- The Charles, Cape Town

### **Grand Prix**

The best large wine list, with more than 600 references. A category presented by Winterhalter

#### **Gold Star: Aubergine Restaurant, Cape Town**

#### **Silver Stars:**

- Café du Vin, Franschhoek
- Noop, Paarl
- Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg

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