Star Wine List celebrates South Africa's top wine lists - here are the finalists

On September 16, Star Wine List will celebrate the great wine lists of South Africa for the second time. The international sommelier jury including two sommelier world champions has now decided the finalists from across South Africa.

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 is awarded in eight categories, and the winner in each category will also qualify for the International Final in 2024.

The South African awards will be held at Hazendal in Stellenbosch on 16 September, in cooperation with the South African Sommelier Association, and the Best Sommelier of South Africa event.

"After the wonderful response we got last year, it will be great to once again highlight the best wine lists in the country," says Krister Bengtsson, founder and publisher of Star Wine List.

For the first time, the best Newcomer wine lists are awarded. Sustainability has gotten its own category as well, presented by WWF Conservation Champions. Winterhalter joins as partner for both Grand Prix and Best Long List, and Amorim Cork presents the Best Medium-Sized List. And like always, the Best Sparkling wine lists are also recognized, presented by Nyetimber.

<u>About the jury</u>

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year South Africa 2023 is filled with sommelier champions, including two world sommelier champions:
Marc Almert, ASI Best Sommelier of the World 2016
Julie Dupouy-Young, Several times Best Sommelier of Ireland
Tawanda Marume, Best Sommelier of Zimbabwe
Raimonds Tomsons, ASI Best Sommelier of the World 2023

<u>Finalists</u>
Grand Prix
The best list overall, will be announced at the event, presented by Winterhalter

Best Long Wine List
The best large wine list, with more than 600 references, presented by Winterhalter

- Aubergine, Cape Town
- Ellerman House, Cape Town
- Noop, Paarl
- Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa, Johannesburg

Best Medium-Sized List
The best wine list with 200-600 listings, presented by Amorim Cork

- Capito, Pretoria
- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- FYN Restaurant, Cape Town
- Ivory Manor Boutique Hotel, Pretoria
- La Colombe, Constantia
- Marble Restaurant , Johannesburg
- Signature Restaurant Sandton, Johannesburg
- Signature Restaurant Umhlanga, Durban

Best Short List
The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- Café Charles, Cape Town
- ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Grub & Vine, Cape Town
- Judd's Local, Cape Town
- PRIVA Lounge, Pretoria
- Salsify at the Roundhouse, Cape Town
- The Chefs' Table Restaurant, Durban

Best By the Glass List
The best wine list by the glass

- Belthazar, Cape Town
- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Grub & Vine, Cape Town
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa, Johannesburg
- The Wine Glass, Stellenbosch

Best Sparkling Wine List
The best list with sparkling wine, a category presented by Nyetimber

- Aubergine, Cape Town

- Belthazar, Cape Town
- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- Grub & Vine, Cape Town
- Marble Restaurant , Johannesburg

Sustainable Wine List
Not only the wine list is evaluated, but also the stated actions of the venue, a category presented by WWF Conservation Champions

- ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Ellerman House, Cape Town
- La Colombe, Constantia

Best Newcomer List
For a venue that recently opened

- Dusk, Stellenbosch
- Kashew, Johannesburg
- Signature Restaurant Umhlanga, Durban
- The Bailey, Cape Town

For more info, please contact:
Krister Bengtsson, founder and publisher, krister@starwinelist.com

Photos: https://starwinelist.com/media

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.