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Star Wine List celebrated top wine lists in the UAE

On January 29, Star Wine List of the Year celebrated the great wine lists in the United Arab Emirates for the first time. The Grand Prix and three more Gold Stars were won by Dinner by Heston Blumenthal in Dubai.

"It was a great honor and experience to judge this edition. When I see so many great lists, it is a sign that the market is evolving so fast as magnificent buildings are constructed, with an unprecedented speed. There are more and more sommeliers working and showing their expertise and the fine dining experience is getting at a very high level very fast. Bravo!" said Paz Levinson, Head Sommelier at the Pic group and jury member.

Star Wine List of the Year is the celebration of the great wine lists in the world and the teams behind them. The prize in UAE was awarded in ten categories, and the winners in each category got a Gold Star and qualified for the International Final (to be held in June 2024). The event was held at BOCA restaurant in Dubai.

About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year UAE 2024 comprise three top international sommeliers and one local wine expert:

- Heidi Mäkinen, Master of Wine
- Piotr Pietras, Master Sommelier
- Paz Levinson, named Best Sommelier of Americas
- Ben Kouider, Champagne expert and educator

Winners

Grand Prix

The best overall list.

Gold Star: **Dinner by Heston Blumenthal**

Best Austrian Wine List

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

Gold Star: **Ossiano**

Best Sparkling Wine List

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

Gold Star: **Al Muntaha, Burj Al Arab**



Best Long List

The best wine list with over 600 listings

Gold Star: **Dinner by Heston Blumenthal**

Best Medium-Sized List

The best wine list with 200-600 listings, a category presented by Brancott Estate

Gold Star: **Nobu Dubai**

Best California Wine List

The best wine list with wines from California, a category presented by Louis M. Martini

Gold Star: **Dinner by Heston Blumenthal**

Best By the Glass List

The best wine list by the glass

Gold Star: **Ossiano**

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: **BOCA**

Best Short List

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

Gold Star: **Soirée**

Best Newcomer List, a category presented by DAOU

Recognizes a venue that has opened recently

Gold Star: **Dinner by Heston Blumenthal**

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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 40 countries in the world. All venues are selected by top wine professionals.