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Star Wine List celebrates Belgium's top wine lists

On 17 November, Star Wine List of the Year celebrated the best wine lists in Belgium with an awards ceremony held in Ghent. The Grand Prix was won by Paul de Pierre in Maarkedal, with Gold Stars awarded to seven other restaurants and wine bars in the other categories, including a Special Jury Prize for Restaurant Sans Cravate in Bruges.

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Star Wine List of the Year is a celebration of the great wine lists of the world, and the teams behind them. Prizes in Belgium were awarded in 10 categories, with each category winner receiving a Gold Star. These winners also qualified for the Star Wine List International Final, which will be held in June 2024. The event was held in association with the Best Sommelier of Belgium competition. Austrian Wine, Château d'Esclans, Le Wine and Young Charly joined as category sponsors.

About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year Belgium 2024 included three top international wine experts:

- Nina Jensen, Second-Best Sommelier in the World 2019/2023 (ASI)
- Salvatore Castano, Best Sommelier of Europe and Africa 2021
- Kathrine Larsen-Robert MS

Winners

Grand Prix

The best overall list.

Gold Star: Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal

Special Jury Prize

Recognises a venue that has done something extra with their wine list, in terms of direction, style or value.

Gold Star: Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges

**Best Austrian Wine List**

The best wine list for Austrian wine, a category presented by Austrian Wine
Gold Star: Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal

Best Sparkling Wine List

The best list for sparkling wine
Gold Star: d'Oude Schuur, Sint-Martens-Latem

Best Long List

The best wine list with over 600 listings
Gold Star: Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal

Best Medium-Sized List

The best wine list with 200-600 listings
Gold Star: Fine Fleur, Antwerp

Best Short List

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings
Gold Star: Vintage, Kontich

Best By the Glass List

The best list for wines by the glass
Gold Star: Zilte, Antwerp

Sustainable Wine List

Recognises a wine list that has put extra emphasis on the wine program's overall impact, including wine growing, winemaking, packaging and transport.
Gold Star: Ona, Ghent

Best Newcomer List

Recognises a venue that has recently opened
Gold Star: Bar Julien, Antwerp

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