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## **Star Wine List is celebrating the top wine lists in the UAE – here are the finalists**

**On 9 December, the international wine guide Star Wine List will award the best wine lists of the UAE for the second time, at The Lana (Dorchester Collection), in Dubai. Our expert jury has now decided the finalists.**

The Star Wine List of the Year awards celebrate the great wine lists of the world – and the teams behind them. In the UAE, prizes are awarded in 10 categories, and the winners in many of those will also qualify for the International Final in June 2025. The jury, including top sommelier Ferran Centelles and local expert Vince Truong, has now finished deliberating, and the finalists have been selected.

"It is exciting to see the development of the wine and gastronomy scene in the UAE, there is so much diversity of talent and offering in this region, we can't wait to celebrate with the sommelier teams in December!" says Krister Bengtsson, Founder and Publisher of Star Wine List.

### **About the jury**

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year UAE 2024/'25 includes four top international wine experts:

- Ferran Centelles, renowned sommelier, formerly of El Bulli
- Nina Jensen, Second-Best Sommelier in the World 2023 (ASI)
- Vince Truong, Dubai-based wine expert and educator
- Stephen Wong MW

### **Finalists**

#### **Grand Prix**

The best list overall

*The winner will be announced at the event, as it is chosen from the winners of Long, Medium and Short lists.*

#### **Best Long Wine List**

The best large wine list, with more than 600 references

- Al Muntaha, Burj Al Arab, Dubai



- Amazónico, Dubai
- At.mosphere, Dubai
- Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, Dubai
- FZN by Björn Frantzen, Dubai
- Il Ristorante - Niko Romito, Dubai
- Ossiano, Dubai

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

The best wine list with 200-600 listings, a category presented by Chateau d'Esclans

- BOCA, Dubai
- Clap, Dubai
- La Dame De Pic Dubai, Dubai
- LPM Dubai, Dubai
- Nobu Dubai, Dubai
- SAL, Burj Al Arab, Dubai
- The Lana, Dorchester Collection, Dubai
- Zuma Dubai, Dubai

### **Best Short List**

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- Akira Back, Dubai
- Moonrise, Dubai
- Roka Dubai, Dubai
- Soirée, Dubai
- StreetXO, Dubai
- Studio Frantzén Dubai, Dubai
- TERO (The Experience by Reif Othman), Dubai

### **Best By the Glass List**

The best list for wines by the glass

- BOCA, Dubai
- Clap, Dubai
- Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, Dubai
- FZN by Björn Frantzen, Dubai
- La Dame De Pic Dubai, Dubai
- Ossiano, Dubai
- Soirée, Dubai
- The Lana, Dorchester Collection, Dubai

### **Best Sparkling Wine List**



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

- Al Muntaha, Burj Al Arab, Dubai
- At.mosphere, Dubai
- Clap, Dubai
- Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, Dubai
- FZN by Björn Frantzen, Dubai
- Nobu Dubai, Dubai
- Ossiano, Dubai
- The Lana, Dorchester Collection, Dubai

### **Best Austrian Wine List**

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

- BOCA, Dubai
- Hakkasan Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi
- Nobu Dubai, Dubai
- The Lana, Dorchester Collection, Dubai

### **Best California Wine List**

The best wine list for wines from California, a category presented by Pahlmeyer

- Al Muntaha, Burj Al Arab, Dubai
- Amazónico, Dubai
- At.mosphere, Dubai
- Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, Dubai
- FZN by Björn Frantzen, Dubai
- Nobu Dubai, Dubai
- Ossiano, Dubai
- Zuma Dubai, Dubai

### **Sustainable Wine List**

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

*The finalists and winner will be announced at the event.*

### **Best Newcomer List**

For a venue that has recently opened

- FZN by Björn Frantzen, Dubai
- La Dame De Pic Dubai, Dubai
- Rare Cocktail Bar & Modern Brasserie, Dubai



- Smoked Room Dubai, Dubai
- StreetXO, Dubai
- Studio Frantzén Dubai, Dubai
- The Lana, Dorchester Collection, Dubai

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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](http://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.*