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Miami wins big in the first Star Wine List of the Year Florida competition

Star Wine List, often called the Michelin guide for the wine world, has hosted its first awards ceremony in Florida this week, celebrating the wine bars and restaurants with the best wine lists in the state, during Vinexpo America. Whilst the majority of winners are to be found in Miami, the event's most decorated venue is Bern's Steak House in Tampa – a fine dining institution founded in 1956.

The Star Wine List of the Year awards honour the greatest wine lists in the world – and the teams behind them. At Star Wine List of the Year Florida, Gold Stars have been awarded in nine categories, with winners in the international categories (eight out of nine) qualifying for the Star Wine List of the Year International Final, which will be hosted in Vienna, in June 2025.

Three of those Gold Stars were this week presented to Bern's Steak House in Tampa (for Best Austrian Wine List, Best Long List and the competition's highest honour, the Grand Prix). Other Gold Star recipients are located further south, in Miami, including the Michelin-starred Ariete and COTE Miami, plus Sexy Fish, Mandolin Aegean Bistro and Casa Juancho.

The jury for Star Wine List of the Year Florida 2025 comprised four globally-recognised sommeliers: Salvatore Castano (Best Sommelier of Europe and Africa 2021), Kathrine Larsen-Robert (Master Sommelier and Head of Wine, Europe at 67 Pall Mall in London), Pascaline Lepeltier (Best Sommelier of France 2018) and Doug Frost (Master Sommelier and Master of Wine).

“Judging the wine lists from Florida was no easy task,” said Castano. “The quality was great across the board. Each list brought something unique to the table, making our decisions more challenging. We're excited about the massive potential in Florida and look forward to seeing even more passionate entries next year as the scene continues to grow and evolve.”

The winners



International categories

Grand Prix

The best list of the overall competition

Gold Star: Bern's Steak House

Best Long List, presented by Château d'Esclans

For wine lists with more than 600 references

Gold Star: Bern's Steak House, Tampa

Best Medium-Sized List

200-600 references

Gold Star: Amara at Paraiso, Miami

Best Short List

Fewer than 200 references

Gold Star: Ariete, Miami

Best By the Glass List, presented by La Bouche du Roi

Gold Star: Sexy Fish, Miami

Best Sparkling Wine List

Gold Star: COTE Miami, Miami

Sustainable Wine List, presented by Lingua Franca

Recognises a wine list that has put extra emphasis on the wine programme's overall impact

Gold Star: Mandolin Aegean Bistro, Miami

Best Austrian Wine List, presented by Austrian Wine

Gold Star: Bern's Steak House, Tampa

Local categories

Best Spanish Wine List, presented by Familia Torres

Gold Star: Casa Juancho, Miami

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