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The New World dominates in the Star Wine List of the Year International Open 2025 – it all comes down to “the finest of details”

The international wine guide Star Wine List has hosted an online event to celebrate the best wine lists across the world, in territories not covered by physical events on this season’s tour. In what is often described as the Michelin equivalent of wine list accolades, Gold Stars have been awarded to wine bars and restaurants in Australia, Canada, the USA and Slovakia, with finalists spanning Iceland, Mauritius, Serbia and South Africa.

“Comparing lists from all over the world is as fun as it is challenging, thanks to such great diversity,” says judge Nina Jensen. “Like comparing Champagne with Burgundy, it is hard to choose which Chardonnay is better! We’ve seen so many brilliant approaches and, ultimately, it comes down to the smallest of details that determine who emerges as the winner.”

Star Wine List of the Year is a celebration of the great wine lists across the world and the teams behind them. In the International Open, prizes are awarded in nine categories; winners in each category receive a Gold Star and entry into the Star Wine List of the Year International Final, to take place in Vienna, in June 2025. All runners up receive a Silver Star.

In addition to Jensen (two-time runner-up in the Best Sommelier of the World competition, ASI, and former Wine Director of two-Michelin-starred Alchemist, in Copenhagen), the jury included fellow sommeliers Kathrine Larsen-Robert MS (Head of Wine, Europe at 67 Pall Mall), Stefan Neumann MS and Julie Dupouy-Young.

Winners

International categories

Grand Prix

The best list overall

Le Coureur des Bois, Beloeil, Canada

Best Long Wine List



For wine lists with more than 600 references

Gold Star: Le Coureur des Bois, Beloeil, Canada

Best Medium-Sized List

Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references

Gold Star: Enoteca Boccaccio, Melbourne, Australia

Best Short List

Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

Gold Star: Gracie's, Providence, USA

Best By the Glass List

The best list for wines by the glass

Gold Star: Ten Minutes by Tractor, Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, Australia

Best Sparkling Wine List

The best wine list for sparkling wine

Gold Star: Acquerello, San Francisco, USA

Best Newcomer List

For a venue that has recently opened

Gold Star: Table Manners, Sydney, Australia

Sustainable Wine List, a category presented by [Lingua Franca](#)

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

Gold Star: Settler's Tavern, Margaret River, Australia

Best Austrian Wine List, a category presented by [Austrian Wine](#)

The best wine list for Austrian wine

Gold Star: ECK Restaurant, Devín, Slovakia

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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.