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Baltic's best wine lists to be crowned in Vilnius as Star Wine List of the Year returns

Star Wine List, the celebrated international guide to great wine bars and restaurants, has announced the launch of its 2025/2026 Star Wine List of the Year awards tour, spanning Europe, Asia, the UAE, and North America. The competition celebrates the world's most exceptional wine lists and the talented sommeliers who create them.

The search for the best wine lists in the Baltics is on, as the prestigious Star Wine List of the Year awards returns for its third regional competition. The celebration will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania, at Hotel Neringa Restaurant on **15 September 2025**, an event held alongside the Lithuanian Sommelier Championship.

An esteemed panel of internationally recognised experts will judge the entries. The jury features Master Sommelier Kathrine Larsen-Robert, Master of Wine Stephen Wong, celebrated sommelier Julie Dupouy-Young, and Master Sommelier Kamil Wojtasiak, the President of the Polish Sommelier Association and a former Best Sommelier of Poland.

The competition will award Gold Stars to top venues in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania across several categories, with one overall Baltic winner announced for each. This year's awards feature exciting new categories, including **"Best Italian Wine List"** and a formal **"Special Jury Prize"** for a venue offering a truly extraordinary experience.

Krister Bengtsson, Founder and Publisher of Star Wine List, invites all establishments to participate: "We are going to Vilnius for the first time as part of our Baltics event, and I can't wait to celebrate with the teams there. The Baltic countries have not only won the top sommelier competitions in recent years with Raimonds Tomsons and Mikk Parre, but also have very dynamic wine and food scenes."

The competition kicks off the 2025/2026 Star Wine List global tour.

Key dates:



- **Entries open:** 25 June 2025
- **Deadline for entries:** 27 July 2025
- **Finalists announced:** 21 August 2025
- **Awards ceremony:** 15 September 2025, at Neringa Restaurant, Vilnius

Restaurants and wine bars in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania are encouraged to submit their wine lists, for free, via the Star Wine List website.

Star Wine List of the Year 2025/2026 tour schedule:

Autumn 2025:

- The Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) – 15 September – *entries now open!*
- Belgium and the Netherlands – 29 September – *entries now open!*
- Norway – 12 October – *entries now open!*
- Ireland (Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) – 10 November
- Denmark – 24 November
- United Arab Emirates – 8 December

Spring 2026:

- Asia
- Austria, Germany & Switzerland
- Florida
- France
- International Open (for countries not covered by their own event)
- Japan
- New York
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK

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About Star Wine List:

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 at starwinelist.com. It was launched in Stockholm (Sweden) in 2017, and is now live in more than 45 countries. All venues are selected by top wine professionals. **Star Wine List of the Year** is an international competition celebrating the wonderful wine lists of the world and the dedicated sommelier teams who create them. Since its inception in 2018, this global tour has evolved to cover numerous territories, hosting events that recognise excellence in the wine and hospitality industries.