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Finalists announced in Star Wine List of the Year Belgium and Netherlands 2025 after a record number of entries

On September 29, the international wine guide Star Wine List will award Gold Stars to the best wine lists of Belgium and the Netherlands. This will be the third such awards event in Belgium and the first in-person event in the Netherlands, with 84 finalists just announced spanning 44 locations across the two countries.

This year's competition has seen unprecedented participation from both Belgium and the Netherlands, resulting in 84 venues qualifying as finalists. A key highlight of this year's selection is its remarkable geographic diversity: while finalists in many countries are often concentrated in major cities, this competition features venues from 44 different locations, demonstrating a sophisticated and widespread demand for fine wine across both nations.

The expert jury responsible for selecting these finalists in Star Wine List of the Year Belgium & Netherlands 2025 comprises Nina Jensen (Second-Best Sommelier of the World, 2019 and 2023, ASI), Mikk Parre (Best Sommelier of Europe, Africa and Middle East 2024, ASI), and Master Sommeliers Toru Takamatsu and Jonathan Gouveia.

Their Gold Star winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at [Zalmhuis](#) restaurant in Rotterdam, on 29 September.

Star Wine List of the Year celebrates the work and creativity of sommelier teams in creating brilliant wine lists, and the Belgium and Netherlands competition will award Gold Stars to the top lists across 11 categories, naming one winner for each country. This year's new "Best Italian Wine List" category has proved hugely popular, with 18 venues making it onto the shortlist. There are also eight venues chosen in the other new permanent category, the "Special Jury Prize," which rewards a wine lovers' place doing something out of the ordinary. The Belgium and Netherlands competition also features a local category recognising the "Best Californian Wine List," which now has 11 Gold Star contenders.

The ceremony is by invitation only, and will be attended by the sommelier finalists and our commercial partners. Please [contact us](#) for press accreditation.

Finalists

INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES:

Best Long List



For wine lists with more than 600 references

Belgium:

- Convento, Leuven
- d'Oude Schuur, Sint-Martens-Latem
- Dome, Antwerp
- Fine Fleur, Antwerp
- L'Envie, West Flanders
- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- Restaurant Bachtekerke, Ghent
- Restaurant Marcel, Antwerp
- Restaurant Popelier, Gooik
- Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges
- Tablàvins, Knokke-Heist
- Zilte, Antwerp

The Netherlands:

- 4850, Amsterdam
- Central Park Voorburg, Voorburg
- De Librije, Zwolle
- Flore, Amsterdam
- Mei Wah, Eindhoven
- Merlet, Schoorl
- Spectrum, Amsterdam
- Vineum, Rotterdam
- Voltaire, Leersum
- Zarzo, Eindhoven

Best Medium-Sized List

Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references – a category presented by [Arinzano](#)

Belgium:

- Alter, Tongeren
- August, Antwerp
- Bachtecafe, Bachte-Maria-Leerne
- Bar Julien, Antwerp
- Da Mimmo, Brussels
- Hotel zur Post, St. Vith
- Moretti, Hasselt
- Oak, Ghent



- Racines Bruxelles, Brussels
- Sir Kwinten, Lennik
- Vin d'Où, Antwerp
- Vrijmoed, Ghent

The Netherlands:

- Café-Restaurant Terroir, Utrecht
- Ciel Bleu, Amsterdam
- De Nieuwe Winkel, Nijmegen
- NOTK, Rotterdam
- Oocker, Amsterdam
- Restaurant Perceel, Rotterdam
- Restaurant RJ, Texel
- Restaurant SOBER, Tegelen
- SAAM Restaurant, Amsterdam

Best Short List

Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

Belgium:

- Anthocyane, Namur
- Debra, Ghent
- InVINcible, Antwerp
- Restaurant les Coulisses, Namur
- Restaurant Lizanna, Putte
- Ta-nnin, Antwerp
- Vintage, Kontich

The Netherlands:

- Bistrôt Bryan, Hulst
- Cafe Maurits, Amsterdam
- Café Restaurant Sandberg, Amsterdam
- Café Wu, Amsterdam
- De Matroos en het Meisje, Rotterdam
- Restaurant Markant, Breda
- Wijnbar Pinot, Breda

Best Sparkling Wine List

Recognises the best list for sparkling wines



Belgium:

- d'Oude Schuur, Sint-Martens-Latem
- Danieli II Divino, Antwerp
- L'Envie, West Flanders
- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges
- Sir Kwinten, Lennik
- Tablàvins, Knokke-Heist
- Vin d'Où, Antwerp
- Zilte, Antwerp

The Netherlands:

- Bar du Champagne, Amsterdam
- Central Park Voorburg, Voorburg
- De Librije, Zwolle
- Flore, Amsterdam
- Mei Wah, Eindhoven
- Vineum, Rotterdam
- Zarzo, Eindhoven

Best By-the-Glass List

Recognises the best 'by-the-glass' list

Belgium:

- Pazzo, Antwerp
- Racines Bruxelles, Brussels
- Robijn Wine&Food, Genk
- Tablàvins, Knokke-Heist
- Vrijmoed, Ghent
- Wijnbar ONA, Ghent
- Zilte, Antwerp

The Netherlands:

- Ciel Bleu, Amsterdam
- De Librije, Zwolle
- Flore, Amsterdam
- Merlet, Schoorl
- Oocker, Amsterdam
- Restaurant RJ, Texel



- Vineum, Rotterdam
- Voltaire, Leersum
- Wijnbar Vindict, Amsterdam
- Zarzo, Eindhoven

Best Newcomer List

Recognises a venue that has recently opened

Belgium:

- Anthocyane, Namur
- Cultures Restaurant, Libin
- Debra, Ghent
- Foxes & Grapes Wine Bar, Brussels
- Tribune, Ghent

The Netherlands:

- Amelie Amstelveen, Amstelveen
- Amí Bistro, Breda
- Bistrôt Bryan, Hulst
- Café Restaurant Sandberg, Amsterdam
- CUE, Amsterdam
- Le Havre, Elburg
- Restaurant Notable, Echt

Sustainability Prize

Assesses the sustainable commitment of both the wine list and broader venue via a supplementary questionnaire submitted during the application process

Belgium:

- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- Vrijmoed, Ghent
- Wijnbar ONA, Ghent

The Netherlands:

- BAK, Amsterdam
- Flore, Amsterdam
- Restaurant Lutum, Wijk bij Duurstede
- Restaurant SOBER, Tegelen



Best Austrian Wine List

Recognises the best list for the wines of Austria – a category presented by [Austrian Wine](#)

Belgium:

- Bar Burbure, Antwerp
- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- Restaurant Melchior, Tienen
- Restaurant Popelier, Gooik
- Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges
- Sir Kwinten, Lennik

The Netherlands:

- Central Park Voorburg, Voorburg
- Flore, Amsterdam
- Mei Wah, Eindhoven
- Remouillage, Amsterdam
- Restaurant Kasteel Heemstede, Houten
- Restaurant The Millèn, Rotterdam

Best Italian Wine List

Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy

Belgium:

- Da Mimmo, Brussels
- Danieli Il Divino, Antwerp
- L'Envie, West Flanders
- Moretti, Hasselt
- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- Racines Bruxelles, Brussels
- Restaurant Gillis, Ghent
- Restaurant Popelier, Gooik
- Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges
- Vin d'Où, Antwerp

The Netherlands:

- Broederenklooster, Zutphen
- Central Park Voorburg, Voorburg
- De Librije, Zwolle
- Flore, Amsterdam



- Restaurant SOBER, Tegelen
- Tribeca, Heeze
- Vineum, Rotterdam
- Zarzo, Eindhoven

Special Jury Prize

Rewards a wine lovers' place that does something out of the ordinary

Belgium:

- Anthocyane, Namur
- Arabelle Meirlaen, Marchin
- Restaurant Sans Cravate, Bruges
- Vintage, Kontich

The Netherlands:

- 4850, Amsterdam
- Café-Restaurant Terroir, Utrecht
- Restaurant Perceel, Rotterdam
- SAAM Restaurant, Amsterdam

LOCAL CATEGORY:

Best Californian Wine List

Recognises the best list for the wines of California – a category presented by [Pahlmeyer](#)

Belgium:

- Convento, Leuven
- Dome, Antwerp
- Paul de Pierre, Maarkedal
- The Butcher's Son, Antwerp
- Wijnbar ONA, Ghent

The Netherlands:

- Brasserie Lalou, Delft
- Central Park Voorburg, Voorburg
- CUE, Amsterdam
- De Librije, Zwolle
- Valuas, Venlo
- Zarzo, Eindhoven



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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.