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Victory for Copenhagen, Sønderborg and the Faroe Islands in Star Wine List of the Year Denmark 2025

In the sixth edition of Star Wine List of the Year Denmark, Gold Stars have been presented to restaurants and wine bars from the capital, Copenhagen, along with Sønderborg's Visselulles Vinbar and competition newcomer, Ræst, in the Faroe Islands – the first Gold Star on the archipelago.

On Monday 24th November 2025, Star Wine List revealed the best wine lists in Denmark at an awards ceremony held at Restaurant Babylon, in Copenhagen. The Danish capital did extraordinarily well in the competition, taking 10 out of the 12 Gold Stars of the event. Those certificates were presented across 11 categories, with joint winners announced in the Sustainability Prize (Copenhagen's Baest and Restaurant Ark).

"It is extremely stimulating to feel a community effort to emulate one another, and to really be at the avant-garde of our industry, while still paying tribute to heritage," said judge Pascaline Lepeltier. "In a context where the wine economy is said to be collapsing, Copenhagen's wine pros are giving us hope – and the energy – to strengthen our community."

Three-Michelin-starred Geranium, in Copenhagen, earned two Gold Stars (for Best Long List and Best Austrian Wine List). As a dominant presence at this and many previous years' events, the team is sure to do well at this season's International Final, which will be held in June 2026. Another name to watch at the International Final will be "gastro pub" Grimal, which earned the Best Short List award for the third year in a row; the team was handed the global Gold Star in this category in 2025.

There was also a double win for Baest, which received Gold Stars for its sustainability credentials and selection of Italian wines. And another titan of Copenhagen's restaurant scene, the two-Michelin-starred Alchemist, took the Gold Star for the Best California Wine List.

In a Star Wine List first, there was a Gold Star for the Faroe Islands, with fermentation specialists Ræst taking the prize for the Best Medium-Sized List. The restaurant is located in Tórshavn, on the island of Streymoy.

The jury panel for Star Wine List of the Year Denmark 2025 comprised four top sommeliers:

- Stephen Wong – Master of Wine
- Kathrine Larsen-Robert – Master Sommelier; Head of Wine (Europe), 67 Pall Mall
- Stefan Neumann – Master Sommelier
- Pascaline Lepeltier – Best Sommelier of France 2018

Scroll down for the full list of winners.



Useful links:

- [More information on Star Wine List of the Year Denmark 2026](#)
- [Photos and media](#)

Gold Stars:

INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES

Best Long List, presented by Bodega Numanthia

For wine lists with more than 600 references

- Geranium, Copenhagen

Best Medium-Sized List, presented by Premium Estates of Austria

Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references

- Ræst, Faroe Islands

Best Short List

Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- Grimal, Copenhagen

Best Sparkling Wine List

Recognises the best list for sparkling wines

- Champagnekælderen, Copenhagen

Best By-the-Glass List

Recognises the best 'by-the-glass' list

- Visselulles Vinbar, Sønderborg

Best Newcomer List

Recognises a venue that has recently opened

- Aye Aye, Copenhagen

Sustainability Prize

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

- Baest, Copenhagen
- Restaurant Ark, Copenhagen

Best Austrian Wine List, presented by Austrian Wine

- Geranium, Copenhagen

Best Italian Wine List

Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy

- Baest, Copenhagen



Special Jury Prize

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

- Søllerød Kro, Copenhagen

LOCAL CATEGORY:

Best California Wine List, presented by Pahlmeyer

Recognises the best list for the wines of California

- Alchemist, Copenhagen

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About Star Wine List

Star Wine List is the international wine lovers' guide to great wine bars and restaurants. 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 for the quality of their wine programmes.

*The **Star Wine List of the Year** competition celebrates 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. Its highly anticipated awards events recognise excellence in the wine and hospitality industries, and culminate in an International Final each summer.*