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Gold Stars awarded across the world in the Star Wine List of the Year International Open 2026

Star Wine List is the digital guide to the world's best wine bars and restaurants, and the Star Wine List of the Year awards celebrate the work of sommelier teams across the globe in creating the top wine lists. While this season's physical tour will see awards ceremonies hosted in 14 individual territories, the International Open is a virtual competition incorporating all other regions of the globe. Winners have now been revealed out of the 129 finalists previously announced. Gold, Silver and Bronze Stars have been apportioned by continent.

An expert jury panel including Master Sommeliers Stefan Neumann and Jonathan Gouveia, and four-time Best Sommelier of Ireland Julie Dupouy-Young, has chosen its winners in the Star Wine List of the Year International Open 2026. Wine lists, separated into five continental groupings, were judged in 10 categories, with Gold Stars awarded to the winners of each category, in each continent. Runners-up receive Silver Stars and, new for this year, a set of Bronze Star accreditations have been announced in the core categories of Best Long List, Best Medium-Sized List and Best Short List.

"It's amazing to see such commitment to crafting these diverse and beautiful wine lists throughout the world," says Jonathan Gouveia MS. "This year's winners provide a great picture of how the wine world is full of surprises, introducing you to countries and regions you might not think you'd encounter. Even in the far reaches of the world, there is a dedication to sourcing high quality bottles."

All Gold Star winners will now be entered into the Star Wine List of the Year Global Final, to compete against the regional winners from this tour's other competitions. This hotly anticipated contest will take place in June 2026, concluding an awards season that began in September 2025; the location is yet to be revealed.

Useful links:

All Gold Star winners are listed below, and the Gold and Silver Stars for each continent can be found on their respective pages:

- **Africa and Middle East**
- **Asia**
- **Australasia and Oceania**
- **Europe**
- **The Americas**

- **Bronze Stars**



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- [Information on the rest of the Star Wine List of the Year tour 2025/'26](#)

Gold Star winners

Best Long List

For wine lists with more than 600 references

- Africa and Middle East: Blue Penny Cellar at Constance Belle Mare Plage, Mauritius
- Asia: Mesa by José Avillez, Macau
- Australasia and Oceania: Rockpool Bar & Grill Perth, Perth, Australia
- Europe: Trattoria al Cacciatore della Subida, Cormons, Italy
- The Americas: Le Coureur des Bois, Beloeil, Canada

Best Medium-Sized List

Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references

- Africa and Middle East: Grub & Vine, Cape Town, South Africa
- Asia: Andō, Hong Kong
- Australasia and Oceania: Attenzione! Food & Wine, Sydney, Australia
- Europe: Café Savoy Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
- The Americas: Kitchen Istanbul, San Francisco, USA

Best Short List

Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- Asia: Prince and the Peacock, Hong Kong
- Australasia and Oceania: Charley Noble Eatery & Bar, Wellington, New Zealand
- Europe: Liath Restaurant, Dublin, Ireland
- The Americas: Familiar Creature, Saratoga Springs, USA

Best Sparkling Wine List

Recognises the best list for sparkling wines

- Africa and Middle East: Archipel at Constance Prince Maurice, Mauritius
- Asia: Gaddi's, Hong Kong
- Australasia and Oceania: Cru Bar & Cellar, Brisbane, Australia
- Europe: Minne Champagne & Wine, Helsinki, Finland
- The Americas: Acquerello, San Francisco, USA

Best By-the-Glass List

Recognises the best 'by-the-glass' list

- Africa and Middle East: Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town, South Africa
- Asia: Constance Halaveli Maldives, Maldives
- Australasia and Oceania: Ten Minutes by Tractor, Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, Australia
- Europe: Rocco, Lisbon, Portugal
- The Americas: Anchoita, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Best Newcomer List



Recognises a venue that has recently opened

- Africa and Middle East: Lunacy, Cape Town, South Africa
- Asia: Jean-Pierre, Hong Kong
- Australasia and Oceania: The Cellar Dunedin, Dunedin, New Zealand
- Europe: Ristorante Albòri, Bellagio, Italy
- The Americas: Café Vivant, Menlo Park, USA

Sustainability Prize

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

- Asia: AUYL, Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Europe: Nolla, Helsinki, Finland
- The Americas: K'u'uk, Mérida, Mexico

Best Austrian Wine List, presented by Austrian Wine

Recognises the best list for the wines of Austria

- Africa and Middle East: Diva, Praslin, Seychelles
- Asia: Constance Halaveli Maldives, Maldives
- Australasia and Oceania: Cru Bar & Cellar, Brisbane, Australia
- Europe: ECK Restaurant, Devín, Slovakia
- The Americas: Le Coureur des Bois, Beloeil, Canada

Best Italian Wine List

Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy

- Africa and Middle East: Blue Penny Cellar at Constance Belle Mare Plage, Mauritius
- Asia: Mesa by José Avillez, Macau
- Australasia and Oceania: Enoteca Boccaccio, Melbourne, Australia
- Europe: Rosa Madre, Dublin, Ireland
- The Americas: Acquerello, San Francisco, USA

Special Jury Prize

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

- Africa and Middle East: Aubergine, Cape Town, South Africa
- Asia: Andō, Hong Kong
- Australasia and Oceania: Mayfair Lane, Perth, Australia
- Europe: Trattoria al Cacciatore della Subida, Cormons, Italy
- The Americas: Copra, San Francisco, USA

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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.