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With Norway reigning as world champion, Star Wine List of the Year Returns to Oslo

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 sixth edition of the celebrated Star Wine List of the Year Norway awards will take place at the historic **Gamle Logen in Oslo on 12 October** 2025, in conjunction with the Norwegian Sommelier Day.

The Norwegian awards are known as one of the most competitive events on the Star Wine List global tour. This year's entries will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges.

Krister Bengtsson, Founder and Publisher of Star Wine List, commented on the high standards of the national competition: "Norway is one of the fiercest competitions of our world tour, with many previous winners also going on to dominate our International Final – including Vinland and Park Hotel Vossevangen most recently. We can't wait to see how this year's event plays out, and look forward to celebrating with the Norwegian sommeliers once again."

The high calibre of Norwegian wine programs was brilliantly showcased at the recent 2024/2025 International Final in Vienna. **Park Hotel Vossevangen** from Voss claimed the competition's highest honour, the **Grand Prix**, for the best overall wine list in the world and also secured international Gold Stars for Best Long List and Best By the Glass List, setting an impressive benchmark for this year's hopefuls.

The 2025 competition introduces several new and updated categories. A new "**Best Italian Wine List**" award will recognise outstanding selections of Italian wines, while a "**Special Jury Prize**" will be awarded to a venue that the judges believe is offering a particularly unique or innovative



experience for wine lovers. The criteria for the “**Sustainability Prize**” have also been revised for a more in-depth assessment.

Gold Stars will be presented to the winners across several categories at the October ceremony in Oslo, to which all finalists will be invited to attend.

Key Dates:

- **Entries open:** 3 July 2025
- **Deadline for entries:** 24 August 2025
- **Finalists announced:** 18 September 2025
- **Awards event:** 12 October 2025, at Gamle Logen, Oslo

Restaurants and wine bars across Norway 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.