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## **68 finalists named in Star Wine List of the Year Sweden 2026**

**The eighth edition of the Star Wine List of the Year Sweden competition will take place at The Winery Hotel in March 2026. An expert panel has just announced this year's finalists, who span the length and breadth of the country.**

Star Wine List, the insider's guide to the top hospitality destinations for wine lovers, was founded in 2017, with the Star Wine List of the Year awards following a year later. This competition celebrates the work of sommelier teams the world over for creating wine lists that surprise, delight and satisfy their guests. As the first ever location for these awards, and home to Star Wine List's headquarters, the Swedish stop on what is now a world tour is therefore of great significance.

The finalists for 2026 include several Gold Star winners from 2025 such as PM & Vänner, in Växjö, and Stockholm's Babette, Operakällaren and Restaurang AG – all dominating forces in previous years' competitions. The full 68 venues span Skivarp, on Sweden's southern tip, up to Luleå in the north, by way of Malmö, Gothenburg, Linköping and, of course, Stockholm. There are also finalists on the islands of Gotland (in Visby) and Öland (Borgholm).

These venues were shortlisted from a swathe of applications by a jury panel comprising three world-leading sommeliers: Stephen Wong (Master of Wine), Paz Levinson (ASI Best Sommelier of Americas 2015) and Emma Ziemann (Best Sommelier of Sweden 2018, 2022, 2023).

Gold Star winners in the 10 'international' categories will go on to compete in the Star Wine List of the Year International Final 2026, which will be held in June. There are also three 'local' categories for this Swedish competition, assessing the best selections of wines from Beaujolais in France, Germany, and Sweden respectively.

An awards ceremony will be held at The Winery Hotel in Solna, on 2nd March 2026. Invitees will include finalists, commercial partners and key industry friends. Please [contact Krister Bengtsson](#) to discuss press accreditation for this event.

### **Useful links:**

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

### **Finalists**

#### **INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES**

**Best Long List, presented by [Biondi-Santi](#)**



*For wine lists with more than 600 references*

- Aira, Stockholm, Sweden
- Bar Nacka, Stockholm, Sweden
- Eriksbergs Vilt & Natur, Trensum, Sweden
- Grand Hôtel, Stockholm, Sweden
- Granen, Åre, Sweden
- Högfjällshotellet, Sälen, Sweden
- Hörte Brygga, Skivarp, Sweden
- Leijontornet, Stockholm, Sweden
- Operakällaren, Stockholm, Sweden
- PM & Vänner, Växjö, Sweden
- Restaurang AG, Stockholm, Sweden

### **Best Medium-Sized List, presented by [Familia Torres](#)**

*Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references*

- Agnes, Stockholm
- Café Nizza, Stockholm
- Combo Vinbaren, Stockholm
- Fjällnäs Restaurant, Tännålen
- Foli, Stockholm
- Grus Grus, Stockholm
- Harlequin, Umeå
- Restaurang CG, Luleå
- Spiseriet, Varberg
- Spritmuseum, Stockholm
- Stockholm Stadshotell, Stockholm
- Sushi Sho, Stockholm
- Volare, Visby

### **Best Short List**

*Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings*

- Babette, Stockholm
- Bord, Stockholm
- Café Cuvée, Stockholm
- Frö, Sälen
- Hotell Mossbylund, Skivarp
- Lyran Matbar, Malmö
- Minh Mat, Stockholm
- Misshumasshu, Stockholm
- NOFO Vinbar, Stockholm
- Poppy, Gothenburg
- Restaurang Triton, Stockholm
- SOLEN, Stockholm

### **Best Sparkling Wine List**



*Recognises the best list for sparkling wines*

- Aira, Stockholm
- Bar Nacka, Stockholm
- Champagnebaren Kyrkogatan 13, Gothenburg
- Grand Hôtel, Stockholm
- Johan P, Malmö
- Operakällaren, Stockholm
- PM & Vänner, Växjö
- Restaurang AG, Stockholm
- ÄNG, Tvååker

### **Best By-the-Glass List**

*Recognises the best 'by-the-glass' list*

- Aira, Stockholm
- Brasserie Astoria, Stockholm
- Combo Vinbaren, Stockholm
- Foli, Stockholm
- Grus Grus, Stockholm
- L'Enoteca, Malmö
- Leijontornet, Stockholm
- Lenoteket, Lund
- Prästgatan, Varberg
- Restaurang CG, Luleå
- Teatergrillen, Stockholm
- Volare, Visby

### **Best Newcomer List**

*Recognises a venue that has recently opened*

- Hållfjället, Ottsjö
- Krog Agrikultur, Stockholm
- Teuf au vin, Stockholm
- Tornhuset Umeå, Umeå
- Vinmagasinet, Malmö

### **Sustainability Prize, presented by Wongraven Wines**

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

- Facit Bar, Umeå
- Fir, Malmö
- Flax, Malmö
- Hörte Brygga, Skivarp
- Restaurang Jord, Linköping
- Restaurang Vrå, Gothenburg
- Spiseriet, Varberg
- Villa & Trädgård de luxe, Växjö



### **Best Austrian Wine List, presented by Austrian Wine**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Austria*

- Brasserie Draken, Gothenburg
- Grand Hôtel, Stockholm
- Granen, Åre
- Heaven 23, Gothenburg
- Hotell Borgholm, Borgholm
- Operakällaren, Stockholm
- PM & Vänner, Växjö
- The Winery Hotel, Stockholm
- ÄNG, Tvååker

### **Best Italian Wine List, presented by Frescobaldi**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy*

- Adria, Stockholm
- Aira, Stockholm
- Bar Nacka, Stockholm
- Brasserie Astoria, Stockholm
- Granen, Åre
- Leijontorner, Stockholm
- PM & Vänner, Växjö
- Restaurang AG, Stockholm
- The Winery Hotel, Stockholm

### **Special Jury Prize**

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

- Bar Nacka, Stockholm
- Eriksbergs Vilt & Natur, Trensum
- Hörte Brygga, Skivarp
- Leijontorner, Stockholm
- Savant Bar, Stockholm

## **LOCAL CATEGORIES**

### **Best Beaujolais Wine List, presented by Inter Beaujolais**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Beaujolais, France*

- Bar Nacka, Stockholm
- Hörte Brygga, Skivarp
- Julie, Malmö
- PM & Vänner, Växjö
- Portal, Stockholm
- Savant Bar, Stockholm
- The Sparrow, Stockholm
- Villa & Trädgård de luxe, Växjö



### **Best German Wine List, presented by Wines of Germany**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Germany*

- Bar Nacka, Stockholm
- Brasserie Draken, Gothenburg
- E & G, Stockholm
- Farang, Stockholm
- Grand Hôtel, Stockholm
- Hotell Borgholm, Borgholm
- Operakällaren, Stockholm
- PM & Vänner, Växjö
- Portal, Stockholm
- Teddys, Stockholm
- ÄNG, Tvååker

### **Best Swedish Wine List, presented by Terra Skåne**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Sweden*

- Hörte Brygga, Skivarp, Sweden
- Julie, Malmö
- Knystaforsen, Rydöbruk
- Sankt Jörgen Park, Gothenburg
- Spiseriet, Varberg
- Spritmuseum, Stockholm
- ÄNG, Tvååker

#### **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](http://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.*