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## **66 finalists announced in Star Wine List of the Year UK 2026**

The sixth edition of Star Wine List of the Year UK will take place on 23rd March 2026 in Mayfair, London, in association with **The Buyer**. A highly esteemed panel of judges has just announced the competition's 66 finalists – these wine bars and restaurants span the length of the country, from the Isle of Wight up to Edinburgh, and their teams will now be invited to the awards ceremony, at which the Gold Star winners will be revealed.

Often referred to as the Michelin guide for wine, Star Wine List ranks restaurants and bars around the world based on their wine offerings. The Star Wine List of the Year competition goes further, celebrating the work of the sommelier teams who put these wine programmes together through a global awards tour. The current tour began in September 2025 and will have stopped in 14 territories (and incorporated a digital event for all remaining locations) before culminating in a Global Final, in June 2026.

The UK leg of the tour has long proven one of the fiercest parts of this international competition, and 2026 saw a record number of entries from across the country. Judges **Richard Hemming MW**, **Kathrine Larsen-Robert MS**, **Stephen Wong MW** and **Mikk Parre** (ASI Best Sommelier of Europe, Africa and Middle East 2024) have assessed the submitted wine lists and agreed on their shortlist, which includes many high profile winners from previous years, such as **Core by Clare Smyth**, **Doppo**, **Dovetale**, **Les 110 de Taillevent**, **Mountain**, **Trivet**, and the **Noble Rot** group in London, plus **Climat (Manchester)**, **Moor Hall (Aughton)** and **Where The Light Gets In (Stockport)**.

Gold Stars will be presented to winners at an awards ceremony at 1 Hotel Mayfair on 23rd March. Winners in the 10 'international' categories will automatically be entered into the Star Wine List of the Year Global Final 2026, which will take place this June in the winemaking countryside of southern Sweden, in association with **Terra Skåne**. This year's UK competition also includes three 'local' categories, honouring the Best Rosé Wine List, Best Spanish Wine List and Best Riesling Wine List.

Attendance to the awards event is by invitation only – please **contact us** for press accreditation.

### **Finalists**

#### **INTERNATIONAL CATEGORIES**

##### **Best Long List, presented by **Bibendum****

*For wine lists with more than 600 references*

- Claridge's Restaurant, London
- Core by Clare Smyth, London
- Doppo, London



- Dorian, London
- Les 110 de Taillevent, London
- Moor Hall, Aughton
- Noble Rot Lamb's Conduit, London
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Noble Rot Soho, London
- Raffles London at The OWO, London
- Row on 5, London
- The Clove Club, London

**Best Medium-Sized List, presented by Dreissigacker**

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

- Blandford Comptoir, London
- Climat, Manchester
- Krokodilos Kensington, London
- L'Enclume, Cartmel
- Maison François, London
- OMA, London
- Sager + Wilde, London
- The 10 Cases, London
- The Twenty Two, London
- Trivet, London
- Where The Light Gets In, Stockport
- Wiltons Restaurant, London

**Best Short List**

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

- Brat x Climpson's Arch, London
- DakaDaka, London
- Dinings SW3, London
- JÖRO Restaurant, Sheffield
- Plates London, London
- Restaurant Mýse, York
- Sessa, London
- Sollip, London
- Solstice by Kenny Atkinson, Newcastle upon Tyne
- Old Stamp House, Ambleside

**Best By-the-Glass List, presented by Lingua Franca**

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

- BODEGA Cardiff, Cardiff
- Da Terra, London
- Doppo, London
- Dorian, London
- Krokodilos Kensington, London



- Les 110 de Taillevent, London
- Noble Rot Lamb's Conduit, London
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Noble Rot Soho, London
- Row on 5, London
- Wild Corner, London
- Wild Izakaya, London

### **Best Sparkling Wine List, presented by Laurent-Perrier**

*Recognises the best list for sparkling wines*

- Claridge's Restaurant, London
- Comptoir Mayfair, London
- Core by Clare Smyth, London
- Doppo, London
- Les 110 de Taillevent, London
- Moor Hall, Aughton
- Noble Rot Lamb's Conduit, London
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Noble Rot Soho, London
- NoMad London, London
- Raffles London at The OWO, London
- Row on 5, London

### **Best Newcomer List**

*Recognises a venue that has recently opened*

- Alta, London
- Corenuopia by Clare Smyth, London
- DakaDaka, London
- Labombe by Trivet, London
- Mezzogiorno by Francesco Mazzei, London
- Moi, London
- Sessa, London
- The Chancery Rosewood, London
- Wild Izakaya, London

### **Sustainability Prize**

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

- Apricity, London
- Plates London, London
- Restaurant Pine, Newcastle upon Tyne
- Restaurant St. Barts, London
- Spry, Edinburgh
- Where The Light Gets In, Stockport



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

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Austria*

- AngloThai, London
- Claridge's Restaurant, London
- Dorian, London
- Labombe by Trivet, London
- Lady of the Grapes, London
- Moor Hall, Aughton
- Newcomer Wines, London

### **Best Italian Wine List**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy*

- Bacchanalia, London
- Bocca di Lupo, London
- Claridge's Restaurant, London
- Doppo, London
- Dorian, London
- Franco's, London
- Luca, London
- Manteca, London
- Mezzogiorno by Francesco Mazzei, London
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Row on 5, London

### **Special Jury Prize**

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

***The winner will be announced at the awards event.***

### **LOCAL CATEGORIES:**

#### **Best Rosé Wine List, presented by Château Galoupet**

*Rewards the strongest rosé section*

- Dorian, London
- Lady of the Grapes, London
- Mountain, London
- NoMad London, London
- Row on 5, London
- Sager + Wilde, London
- The Grape Escape, Cheltenham
- The Terrace Rooms & Wine, Ventnor
- Timberyard, Edinburgh
- Where The Light Gets In, Stockport

#### **Best Spanish Wine List, presented by Familia Torres**

*Recognises the best list for the wines of Spain*



- Brat, London
- Dorian, London
- Dovetale, London
- Moor Hall, Aughton
- Mountain, London
- Noble Rot Lamb's Conduit, London
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Noble Rot Soho, London
- Row on 5, London
- The Terrace Rooms & Wine, Ventnor

### **Best Riesling Wine List, presented by Dr. Lippold**

*Recognises the best representation of wines made from the Riesling grape*

- Claridge's Restaurant, London
- Cloth Restaurant, London
- Core by Clare Smyth, London
- Doppo, London
- Les 110 de Taillevent, London
- Moor Hall, Aughton
- Noble Rot Mayfair, London
- Row on 5, London
- Trinity, London

### **Useful links:**

- **More information on Star Wine List of the Year UK 2026 and finalists**
- **Photos and media**

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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](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 a Global Final each summer.*