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Winners announced in Star Wine List of the Year Sweden 2026

Gold Stars have been presented to the best wine lists in Sweden at an awards ceremony in Solna. The winners of Star Wine List of the Year Sweden 2026 were selected by an expert sommelier jury panel and announced by Founder Krister Bengtsson at The Winery Hotel on Monday, with accolades for Stockholm’s two-Michelin-starred Aira restaurant (their first win in this competition) and newcomer Hållfjället, in Ottsjö.

Founded in Stockholm in 2017, Star Wine List is often referred to as “the Michelin guide for wine” and highlights the top hospitality destinations for wine lovers, wherever they are in the world. The Star Wine List of the Year competition followed in 2018, with the first awards event held in its hometown. Today, the awards tour encompasses 14 stops across the world and an additional digital edition for venues in any corner of the globe not already being visited in person. Today, Star Wine List announced the winners of its eighth flagship event – Star Wine List of the Year Sweden.

Judges Stephen Wong (Master of Wine), Paz Levinson (ASI Best Sommelier of Americas 2015) and Emma Ziemann (Best Sommelier of Sweden 2018, 2022, 2023) assessed all submitted wine lists, awarding Gold Stars in 13 categories. The wine selection at mountain destination Hållfjället, in Ottsjö, has been named the Best Newcomer List while Aira, in Stockholm, has been recognised for having the Best Long List – the first Gold Star for this respected Michelin restaurant. Last year’s newcomer, Bar Nacka, returned to take the Special Jury Prize as a true wine lovers’ destination, whilst Växjö’s PM & Vänner earned two Gold Stars (for its selections of wines from Austria and Beaujolais) after dominating last year’s competition.

The winners in the 10 categories classed as ‘international’ will now automatically be entered into the Star Wine List of the Year Global Final, which will be hosted by Terra Skåne in southern Sweden this June. Please contact [Krister Bengtsson](#) for further information.

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



Best Medium-Sized List, presented by Familia Torres

Recognises the best wine list with 200-600 references

- Fjällnäs Restaurant, Tännålen

Best Short List, presented by Château Bastor-Lamontagne

Recognises the best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- SOLEN, Stockholm

Best Sparkling Wine List

Recognises the best list for sparkling wines

- Champagnebaren Kyrkogatan 13, Gothenburg

Best By-the-Glass List, presented by Château Galoupet

Recognises the best 'by-the-glass' list

- Foli, Stockholm

Best Newcomer List

Recognises a venue that has recently opened

- Hållfjället, Ottsjö

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

- Restaurang Jord, Linköping

Best Austrian Wine List, presented by Austrian Wine

Recognises the best list for the wines of Austria

- PM & Vänner, Växjö

Best Italian Wine List, presented by Frescobaldi

Recognises the best list for the wines of Italy

- Granen, Åre

Special Jury Prize

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

- Bar Nacka, Stockholm

LOCAL CATEGORIES

Best Beaujolais Wine List, presented by Inter Beaujolais

Recognises the best list for the wines of Beaujolais, France

- PM & Vänner, Växjö

Best German Wine List, presented by Wines of Germany

Recognises the best list for the wines of Germany



- E & G, Stockholm

Best Swedish Wine List, presented by Terra Skåne

Recognises the best list for the wines of Sweden

- Spritmuseum, Stockholm

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.