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Star Wine List celebrates South Africa's top wine lists - here are the finalists

On Oct. 4, Star Wine List will celebrate the great wine lists of South Africa for the first time, at the Champagne Telmont Best Young Sommelier of South Africa 2022 event in Stellenbosch. The international sommelier jury has now decided the finalists.

Star Wine List of the Year is a celebration of the great wine lists in the world and the teams behind them. In South Africa, we are teaming up with The South African Sommeliers Association and their event “Champagne Telmont Best Young Sommelier of South Africa 2022” (held in partnership with the Stellenbosch Wine Routes). The Star Wine List of the Year prize is awarded in seven categories, and the winners will also qualify for the International Final in 2023. The jury, including top international sommeliers Heidi Mäkinen MW, Marc Almert and Piotr Pietras MS, is done deliberating, and the finalists have been selected.

“South Africa is one of the most dynamic wine countries in the world and we are super excited to bring our celebration to South Africa for the first time. We look very much forward to highlighting the work being done by sommelier teams and restaurateurs all over the country,” says Krister Bengtsson, founder and publisher of Star Wine List.

The Grand Prix award is presented by Winterhalter. Sustainability has gotten its own category, and TOPS at SPAR joins as partner for the Special Jury Prize. Other categories are the Best Sparkling Wine List and the Best By the Glass List.

About the jury

The jury for the Star Wine List of the Year South Africa 2022 comprises both international and local judges. Three of the most renowned sommeliers in the world: Heidi Mäkinen (Master of Wine, President Finnish Sommelier Association), Marc Almert (ASI Best Sommelier of the World 2019) and Piotr Pietras (Master Sommelier). And as our local judge we have Tawanda Marume (Best Sommelier of Zimbabwe 2020).



Finalists

Grand Prix

The best large wine list, with more than 600 references. A category presented by Winterhalter

- Aubergine Restaurant, Cape Town
- Café du Vin, Franschhoek
- Noop, Paarl
- Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg

Best Medium-Sized List

The best wine list with 200-600 listings

- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- Ellerman House, Cape Town
- FYN Restaurant, Cape Town
- Ivory Manor Boutique Hotel, Pretoria
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Signature Restaurant, Johannesburg

By the glass

The best wine list by the glass

- Café du Vin, Franschhoek
- Culture Wine Bar, Cape Town
- ëlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg
- Simon Wine Emporium, Stellenbosch

Best Sparkling Wine List

The best list with sparkling wine

- Aubergine Restaurant, Cape Town
- Marble Restaurant, Johannesburg
- Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg
- SanDeck Sandton Sun, Johannesburg
- Zioux, Johannesburg

Sustainable Wine List

The winner will be announced on Oct. 4.



Best Short List

The best wine list with fewer than 200 listings

- ðlgr restaurant, Cape Town
- La Colombe, Constantia
- Lanzerac Traphuis, Stellenbosch
- Proud Mary, Johannesburg
- Simon Wine Emporium, Stellenbosch
- The Charles, Cape Town

Special Jury Prize

Recognizes a venue that has done something out of the ordinary, presented by TOPS at SPAR.

- Embarc, Johannesburg
- Folk Café, Cape Town
- Penny Noire, Cape Town
- Silver Orange, Hartbeespoort
- The Service Station Wine Bar, Rosendal

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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 on www.starwinelist.com. It was launched in Stockholm (Sweden) in 2017, and is now live in more than 35 countries in the world. All venues are selected by top wine professionals.