

**BAR
OF THE
YEAR
AWARDS 2019**



Finalists for the 2019 Bar of the Year Awards Announced

Following extensive deliberations and many miles traveled across the length and breadth of the country, the finalists for the **2019 Bar of the Year Awards** have been announced. From over 500 entries, the judges have chosen their shortlist of outstanding bars.

Now in their 15th year, the Bar of the Year Awards celebrate all that is great about Irish pubs, clubs and bars and showcase the high standards of the Licensed Trade across the country.

From cocktail bar of the year sponsored by Luxardo to staff personality of the year sponsored by Paddy Irish Whiskey, the awards cover all aspects of the bar industry. With a sunny summer ahead, the **Best Outside Space Award** will be of particular interest, along with the enviable title of **Bar of the Year 2019**.

Following recent trends in the industry, three new categories emerged this year - Best **Dog Friendly Bar**, **Wine Bar** (Sponsored by J&C Kenny) and **Innovative Bar** (Sponsored by Lillet and Ceders) are all up for grabs on the night.

All shortlisted premises are eligible for the **Southern Comfort People's Choice Awards**, voted for by the public. Voting will be carried out

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provincially in Dublin, Leinster, Munster, Connacht/Ulster with the winners of each province announced on the night. From this, the coveted overall **National Southern Comfort People's Choice** winner will be chosen! To vote for your favourite bar, go to www.licensingworld.ie

All of our outstanding winners will be revealed at a gala awards ceremony on **Monday, 19th August** in the **Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin**, hosted by **Newstalk's Tom Dunne**.

Commenting on the finalists, Katherine O' Riordan, Event Director said "With locally produced spirits and craft beers continuing to thrive, it's great to see so many bars being equally creative and innovative with the service they provide. These awards give us the chance to acknowledge the unique bars at the heart of cities and towns across Ireland. We look forward to showing them a great night out for a change."

[insert bar name] has reached the final stage of the **Bar of the Year** awards 2019. We are delighted to be nominated for [insert category here] and look forward to celebrating the best in the industry.

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