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**INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2015
SECOND EDITION**

INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL *MARIO SOLINAS* QUALITY AWARD

PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS

The second edition of the International Olive Council's *Mario Solinas* Quality Award 2015 drew 37 entries from Argentina (2), Australia (1), Chile (2), Greece (1), Italy (2), Peru (1), Portugal (20), Spain (7) and Uruguay (1).

Individual producers, producers' associations or packers in any producer country could enter extra virgin olive oils for the competition.

According to the competition rules released in June 2014, the entries for this second edition were classified in one of the following sections on the basis of the median intensity of their fruitiness:

Section

Median of the fruitiness

Green fruitiness:

Intense fruitiness

$$m > 6$$

Medium fruitiness

$$3 \leq m \leq 6$$

Mild fruitiness

$$< 3$$

Ripe fruitiness

All the entries were assessed by the international panel of judges for this second edition who selected the six oils with the highest scores in each section.

Next, the international panel selected the winner of the first prize in each section according to a special 100-point score sheet which marks the oils for their olfactory, gustatory and retronasal sensations and their harmony, complexity and persistence. The judges also proposed the second and third prize winners and finalists except in the intense green fruitiness section for which no third prize or finalist was proposed, and the ripe fruitiness section for which no second prize, third prize or finalist* was proposed.



PRIZE WINNERS
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First prize

- Intense green fruitiness:** Azienda Agricola Leone Sabino, Canosa di Puglia (Barletta) - Italy
- Medium green fruitiness:** Murtigão - Sociedade Agricola, S.A., Elvas - Portugal
- Mild green fruitiness:** Victor Guedes, S.A., Abrantes - Portugal
- Ripe fruitiness:** Celso Hernâni Gastalho Madeira, Vilar de Amargo - Portugal

Second prize

- Intense green fruitiness:** Torres Morente, S.A., Escúzar (Granada) - Spain
- Medium green fruitiness:** Frantoio Romano, Ponte (Benevento) - Italy
- Mild green fruitiness:** Sociedade Agrícola Vale do Ouro, S.A., Ferreira do Alentejo - Portugal

Third prize

- Medium green fruitiness:** Castillo de Canena Olive Juice, S.L., Canena (Jaén) - Spain
- Mild green fruitiness:** Elaia Lagar – Produção e Comercialização de Azeites, S. A., Ferreira do Alentejo - Portugal



FINALISTS

Medium green fruitiness:

- 1st Jerónimo Pedro Mendonça de Abreu e Lima, Mirandela - Portugal
- 2nd Boundary Bend Olives, Victoria - Australia
- 3rd Sociedad Exportadora Olivares de Quepo, S.A., Talca - Chile

Mild green fruitiness:

- 1st Sovena – Portugal Consumer Goods, S.A., Algés - Portugal
- 2nd Oasis Olives, S.A.C., Lima – Peru
- 3rd Filipe José de Albuquerque Roboredo Madeira, Vilar de Amargo - Portugal

All the competitors can now break the seal of the tank holding the batch of oil they entered for the competition.

The winners are allowed to announce the prize on the labels of the extra virgin olive oil belonging to the same batch as the winning sample and can obtain a special logo from the Executive Secretariat for this purpose.

The Awards ceremony will be held on 29 June 2015 during the Fancy Food Show in New York (United States).