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**INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2016
FIRST EDITION**

INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL *MARIO SOLINAS* QUALITY AWARD

PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS

In all, 130 oils have competed for the International Olive Council's *Mario Solinas* Quality Award 2016 announced in September 2015, with entries coming from Greece (3), Italy (2), Morocco (3), Portugal (39), Spain (79) and Tunisia (4).

Extra virgin olive oils could be entered by individual producers, producers' associations or packers in any producer country.

According to the competition rules released in September 2015, entries for this first 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
Medium fruitiness
Mild fruitiness

$m > 6$
 $3 \leq m \leq 6$
 < 3

Ripe fruitiness

All the oils entered for this first edition were assessed by the international panel of judges 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 them 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 in each competition section.



PRIZE WINNERS OF THE FIRST EDITION 2016

First prize

- Intense green fruitiness:** Aceites Finca La Torre, S.L.U. – Bobadilla (Málaga) - Spain
- Medium green fruitiness:** Paolo Bonomelli – Boutique Olive Farm - Torri del Benaco (Verona) - Italy
- Mild green fruitiness:** Sovena – Portugal Consumer Goods., S.A. – Algés - Portugal
- Ripe fruitiness:** Explotaciones Melcor, S.L. – Pegalajar (Jaén) - Spain

Second prize

- Intense green fruitiness:** Castillo de Canena Olive Juice, S.L. – Canena (Jaén) - Spain
- Medium green fruitiness:** Almazaras de la Subbética, S.C.A. – Carcabuey (Córdoba) - Spain
- Mild green fruitiness:** Elaia Lagar – Produção e Comercialização de Azeites, S.A. – Ferreria do Alentejo - Portugal
- Ripe fruitiness:** Oleosetin – Setin Rural, S.L. – Marchagaz (Cáceres) - Spain

Third prize

- Intense green fruitiness:** S.C.A. del Campo San Juan – Jaén - Spain
- Medium green fruitiness:** Almazaras de la Subbética, S.L. – Carcabuey (Córdoba) – Spain
- Mild green fruitiness:** Finca la Gramanosa, S.L. – Avinyonet del Penedès - Spain
- Ripe fruitiness:** Agrícola Roda, S.C.A. de Oleoestepa – La Roda de Andalucía (Sevilla) - Spain



FINALISTS

Intense green fruitiness:

- 1st Almazara de Muela, S.L., Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain
- 2nd Casas de Hualdo, S.L. – Madrid - Spain
- 3rd Pedro A. Melgarejo Cordero – Pegalajar (Jaén) - Spain

Medium green fruitiness:

- 1st Muela Olives, S.L. – Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain
- 2nd S.C.A. Olivarera la Purísima - Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain
- 3rd Manuel Montes Marín – Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain

Mild green fruitiness:

- 1st Elaia 2 – Investimentos, S.A. – Algés - Portugal
- 2nd Elosua Portugal, S.A. – Azambuja - Portugal
- 3rd Enolea - Sociedade Agricola, Lda. – Entroncamento - Portugal

Ripe fruitiness:

- 1st Agrícola la Maja, S.L. – Mendavia (Navarra) - Spain
- 2nd S.C.A. Ntra. Sra. de la Fuensanta de Oleostepa, Corcoya (Sevilla) - Spain
- 3rd Pago de Peñarrubia, S.L. – Albacete – Spain

All the competitors can now unseal 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 Mario Solinas Awards ceremony will be held during the FABEX Trade Show (13-15 April 2016) in Tokyo (Japan).