INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2019
INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD

PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS

In all, 164 oils have competed for the International Olive Council’s Mario Solinas Quality Award 2019, announced in May 2018, with entries from Angola (1), Algeria (4), Brazil (1), China (2), Croatia (1), Greece (2), Italy (4), Morocco (22), Portugal (37), Saudi Arabia (1), Spain (80), Tunisia (7) and Turkey (2).

Entries were submitted by individual producers, producers’ associations or packers.

According to the competition rules released in May 2018, entries for this first edition were classified in one of the following sections on the basis of the median intensity of their fruitiness:

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EVOO from the southern hemisphere

All the oils entered for this 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 to the Executive Secretariat.

Only one oil competed in the new section for extra virgin olive oils from the southern hemisphere, but considering that it is stored in the northern hemisphere, it has been included in the medium green fruitiness category for the northern hemisphere.
PRIZE WINNERS OF THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL
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First prize

**Intense green fruitiness:** Almazara de Muela, S.L., Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain

**Medium green fruitiness:** S.C.A. del Campo “El Alcázar”, Baeza (Jaén) – Spain

**Mild green fruitiness:** Elaia 2 – Investimentos, S.A., Ferreira do Alentejo – Portugal

**Ripe fruitiness:** Azienda Agricola Sabino Leone, Canosa di Puglia (BT) - Italy

Second prize

**Intense green fruitiness:** Almazaras de la Subbética, S.C.A., Carcabuey (Córdoba) - Spain

**Medium green fruitiness:** Goya en Spain, S.A.U., Alcalá de Guadaira (Sevilla) - Spain

**Mild green fruitiness:** Fima Olá – Productos Alimentares, S.A., Lisboa - Portugal

**Ripe fruitiness:** Unilever Fima Lda, Lisboa - Portugal

Third prize

**Intense green fruitiness:** S.C.A. Olivarera la Purísima, Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain

**Medium green fruitiness:** Hermanos Melgarejo, C.B., Pegalajar (Jaén) - Spain

**Mild green fruitiness:** La Pontezuela, S.L.U, Madrid - Spain

**Ripe fruitiness:** Biolive Company, Zaghouane - Tunisia
FINALISTS

**Intense green fruitiness:**

1st Oleícola San Francisco, S.L., Begíjar (Jaén) - Spain
2nd Nobleza del Sur/Aceites Castellar, S.L., Castellar (Jaén) - Spain
3rd Casas de Hualdo, S.L., Madrid - Spain

**Medium green fruitiness:**

1st La Inmaculada Concepción S.C.A., la Roda de Andalucía (Sevilla) - Spain
2nd Société Domaine Arije, Marrakech, Morocco
3rd Ntra. Sra. de los Remedios - Oro de Canava, Jimena (Jaén) - Spain

**Mild green fruitiness:**

1st Refugio Verde, Lda., Beja - Portugal
2nd Sovena - Portugal Consumer Goods, S.A., Algés - Portugal
3rd S.C.A. Ntra. Sra. de la Fuensanta, Fuensanta de Martos (Jaén) - Spain

**Ripe fruitiness:**

1st Celso Hernâni Gastalho Madeira, Vilar de Amargo - Portugal
2nd Ourogal, S.A., S. Miguel do Rio Torto (Abrantes) - Portugal
3rd Aceites Olivar del Valle, S.L., Bolaños (Ciudad Real) - Spain

In accordance with the rules of the competition, all competitors may now unseal the tank holding the batch of oil they entered for the competition.

The winners are furthermore allowed to announce the prize on the labels of the extra virgin olive oil belonging to the same batch as the winning sample, and may obtain a special logo upon request to the Executive Secretariat.

The Mario Solinas Awards ceremony will be held during the Summer Fancy Food Show 2019 in New York (United States).