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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:

Section

Median of the fruitiness

Green fruitiness:

Intense fruitiness

$$m > 6$$

Medium fruitiness

$$3 \leq m \leq 6$$

Mild fruitiness

$$m < 3$$

Ripe fruitiness

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 Soci t  Domaine Arije, Marrakech, Morocco
- 3rd Ntra. Sra. de los Remedios - Oro de Canava, Jimena (Ja n) - Spain

Mild green fruitiness:

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

Ripe fruitiness:

- 1st Celso Hern ni Gastalho Madeira, Vilar de Amargo - Portugal
- 2nd Ourogal, S.A., S. Miguel do Rio Torto (Abrantes)- Portugal
- 3rd Aceites Olivar del Valle, S.L., Bola os (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).