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INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2020
MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD
INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL

PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Some 157 oils were entered into the International Olive Council’s Mario Solinas Quality Award 2020, announced in June 2019, with entries from Algeria (5), Argentine (2), Australia (1), Brazil (1) China (2), Croatia (1), Spain (77), Greece (2), Iran (1), Italy (4), Morocco (17), Portugal (32), Tunisia (11) and Turkey (1).

Entries were submitted by individual producers, producer associations and packers.

According to the competition rules published in June 2019, entries were classified in one of the following categories on the basis of the median intensity of their fruitiness:

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<td><strong>Green fruitiness:</strong></td>
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**Ripe fruitiness**

**EVOO from the Southern Hemisphere**

The oils were assessed by an international panel of judges who selected the six oils with the highest scores in each category.

The international panel then selected the first prize in each section according to a special 100-point score sheet which marked 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 for each category to the Executive Secretariat.

For the Southern Hemisphere section, no oils placed second or third.
PRIZE WINNERS OF THE 2020 INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL
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First prize

Intense green fruitiness: S.C.A. Nuestra Sra. De los Remedios, Oro de Cánava – Jimena (Jaén) – Spain

Medium green fruitiness: Yihai Kerry Investments Co.Ltd, Olivoila – Shangai – China

Mild green fruitiness: Sociedad Cooperativa Andaluza San Sebastián - Guadalcanal (Seville) – Spain

Ripe fruitiness: Olis Solé, S.L. – Mont-Roig del Campo (Tarragona) – Spain

Southern Hemisphere: Cobram Estate – Murray - Australia

Second prize

Intense green fruitiness: S.C.A. Agrícola de Bailén Virgen de la Zocueca – Picualia - Bailén (Jaén) Spain

Medium green fruitiness: Les Conserves de Meknès, Olea Food, S.A. – Meknès – Morocco

Mild green fruitiness: Casa Juncal – Oro Bailen - S.L.U. – Villanueva de la Reina (Jaén) - Spain

Ripe fruitiness: Huilerie Bechir Jarraya – Mateur - Tunisia

Third prize

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

Medium green fruitiness: S.C.O. de Valdepeñas, Colival – Valdepeñas (Ciudad Real) - Spain

Mild green fruitiness: Oleomorillo, S.L., Basilippo – El Viso del Alcor (Seville) - Spain

Ripe fruitiness: Olivko – Tunis - Tunisia
FINALISTS

**Intense green fruitiness:**

1st  Aceites Perales de Baeza – Pradolivo - C.B. – Baeza (Jaén) - Spain
2nd  Hispasur Aceites, S.L. – Priego de Córdoba (Córdoba) - Spain
3rd  El Labrador, sat 8064 – Fuente la Piedra (Málaga) - Spain

**Medium green fruitiness:**

1st  Manuel Molina Muñoz e Hijos, S.L. – Almedinilla (Córdoba) - Spain
2nd  Sovena Portugal Consumer Goods, S.A. – Algés - Portugal
3rd  SAOV Sociedade Agrícola Ouro Vegetal, Lda. – Alferrarede (Abrantes) – Portugal

**Mild green fruitiness:**

1st  Aceites Olivar del Valle, S.L. – Bolaños (Ciudad Real) - Spain
2nd  Compagnie Générale des Industries Alimentaires, COGIA - Sousse - Tunisia
3rd  Entre Caminos Selección, Escalera Álvarez, Sat – La Roda de Andalucía (Seville) - Spain

**Ripe fruitiness:**

1st  Domaine Fendri – Sfax - Tunisia
2nd  Quinta do Castro, S.A. – Sabrosa (Vila Real) - Portugal
3rd  Agrícola la Maja, S.L. – Mendavia (Navarra) - Spain

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

The winners may now display the prize on the labels of the extra virgin olive oil belonging to the same batch as the winning sample. They may request a special logo from the Executive Secretariat.

The time and place of the prize-giving ceremony will be issued in due course.