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INTERNATIONAL EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION 2023

MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL

PRIZE WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Some 117 oils were entered into the International Olive Council's Mario Solinas Quality Award 2022, announced in November 2022, with entries from Argentina (2), Brazil (2), China (2), Croatia (1), Greece (4), Italy (6), Portugal (16), Spain (63), Tunisia (19) and Türkiye (2).

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

According to the competition rules of November 2022, only extra virgin olive oils from large-scale producers (batch \geq 4.000 litres) were classified according to the median and the type of fruitiness.

Entries were classified in one of the following categories:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Median of fruitiness</u>	<u>Batch volume</u>
<u>Robust green fruitiness</u>	$Me > 6$	≥ 4.000 litres
<u>Medium green fruitiness</u>	$3 < Me \leq 6$	≥ 4.000 litres
<u>Delicate green fruitiness</u>	$Me \leq 3$	≥ 4.000 litres
<u>Ripe fruitiness</u>		≥ 4.000 litres
<u>Small-scale producers</u>		≥ 1.000 litres
<u>Packers</u>		≥ 15.000 litres
<u>Southern Hemisphere</u>		≥ 1.000 litres

A group of panels recognised by the IOC selected the six oils with the highest scores in each category.

The leaders of these panels, who made up the international panel of this year's competition (Mario Solinas 2023), chose the winners in each category and in accordance with the competition rules. They used an evaluation sheet to score out of 100 the olfactory, gustatory and retronasal sensations as well as the harmony, complexity and persistence of each oil. They also proposed the second and third prizes for each category to the Executive Secretariat.

For the Southern Hemisphere section, no oils placed second or third.



**WINNERS OF THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL
MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARD**

First prize

<u>Robust green fruitiness</u>	Sabino Leone - Canosa Di Puglia (BT) - Italy
<u>Medium green fruitiness</u>	SCA Nuestra Señora de los Remedios AOVE "Oro de Cánava"- Jimena (Jaén) -Spain
<u>Delicate green fruitiness</u>	Molino Del Genil S.L - Córdoba - Spain
<u>Ripe fruitiness</u>	Frantoio Romano - Ponte (BN) - Italy
<u>Small- Scale producers</u>	Aziende Agricole di Martino - Trani - Italy
<u>Packers</u>	Goya en España SAU- Alcalá de Guadaíra (Sevilla) - Spain
<u>Southern Hemisphere</u>	Fazenda Serra dos Tapes Indústria e Comercio de Azeite de Oliva Ltda. - Canguçu - Brazil

Second prize

<u>Robust green fruitiness</u>	SDAD Coop. Olivarera de Valdepeñas Colival - Valdepeñas (C. Real) - Spain
<u>Medium green fruitiness</u>	Sociedade Agrícola Vale Anna S.A. - F. da Alentejo - Portugal
<u>Delicate green fruitiness</u>	Société Fermes Ali Sfar - Tunis - Tunisia
<u>Ripe fruitiness</u>	Entre caminos Selección (Escalera Álvarez S.A.T) - La Roda de Andalucía (Sevilla) - Spain
<u>Small- Scale producers</u>	SCA Nuestra Señora del Castillo - Vilches (Jaén) - Spain
<u>Packers</u>	Nuestra Señora de la Paz, S.C.A de Oleoestepa. - Estepa (Sevilla) - Spain



Third prize

<u>Robust green fruitiness</u>	Aceites Castellar SL - Nobleza del Sur - Castellar (Jaén) - Spain
<u>Medium green fruitiness</u>	Aceites Guadalquivir SCA- Villanueva de la Reina (Jaén) - Spain
<u>Delicate green fruitiness</u>	Olinorte Produção Agricola, Lda - Évora - Portugal
<u>Ripe fruitiness</u>	Barhoumi Olive Oil - Tunis - Tunisia
<u>Small- Scale producers</u>	Monini SPA. - Spoleto (PG) - Italy
<u>Packers</u>	S.C.A Agropecuaria de Herrera de Oleostepa, Herrera (Sevilla) - Spain



FINALISTS

Robust green fruitiness:

- 1st SCA San Vicente - Mogón-Villacarrillo (Jaén) - Spain
- 2nd Venchipa S.L, S.L.- Ácula (Granada) - Spain
- 3rd Oleoperales SL- Baeza (Jaén) - Spain

Medium green fruitiness:

- 1st Oleícola Jaén S.A. - Baeza (Jaén) - Spain
- 2nd Olive Oil Ben Chaabane (MATARNIS OIL) - Mateur (Bizerte) -Tunisia
- 3rd Acushla, S.A. - Vila Flor- Lodôes - Portugal

Delicate green fruitiness:

- 1st CARM - Casa Agricola Roboredo Madeira - Almendra – Portugal

Ripe fruitiness:

- 1st Agrícola La Maja S.L. - Mendavia - Spain
- 2nd Cooperativa La Granadella i Secció de Crèdit Sant Antoni Abat SCCL- Granadella (Lleida) - Spain
- 3rd Meray Zeytincilik Tarim Gida LTD ŞTİ - Çine (Aydin) – Türkiye

Small- scale producers:

- 1st Huilerie Bashir Jarraya / Domaine Um Aljanna - Ghezala - Tunisia
- 2nd Mezghani Omar Tazmurt - Sfax - Tunisia
- 3rd Oliveraie Boubaker "Olissey" - Tunis - Tunisia

Packers

- 1st Olivarera Sor Ángela de la Cruz de Estepa SCA de Oleoestepa - Estepa (Sevilla) - Spain
- 2nd S.C.A. Olivarera de Pontanense de Oleoestepa - Puente Genil (Córdoba) - Spain
- 3rd La Purísima de Herrera, S.C.A. de Oleoestepa - Herrera (Sevilla) - Spain



In accordance with the rules of the competition, all competitors may now unseal the container 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 now request a special logo from the Executive Secretariat.

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

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