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# 2026 International Competition

## Extra Virgin Olive Oils

International Olive Council

Mario Solinas Quality Awards – Northern Hemisphere

2026 winners and finalists

 First prize	
Robust green fruitiness	Sabino Leone – Canosa (Italy) (Batch No. S21 – Volume: 10,917 litres)
Medium green fruitiness	S.C.A. Nuestra Señora de la Fuensanta de Oleostepa-Corcoya/Sevilla (Spain) (Batch No. 3 – Volume 38,000 litres)
Delicate green fruitiness	Al Kaabi Olive Oil – Kairouan (Tunisia) (Batch No. 80 – Volume 10,900 litres)
Ripe fruitiness	Cooperativa Agrícola de Cambrils SCCL – Cambrils/Tarragona (Spain) (Batch No. 12/LO3625 – Volume 11,572 litres)
Small-scale producers	Longnan Xiangyu Olive Development Co. Ltd.– Longnan (China) (Batch No. XY-GANSU-CN-2025-12 – Volume 3,500 litres)
Packers	Aceites Oro Bailén Galgón 99, S.L.U. – Villa de la Reina/Jaén (Spain) (Batch No. 22 – Volume 56,769 litres)

	<b>Second prize</b>	
Robust green fruitiness	Aziende Agricole di Martino De Luca di Roseto Tupputi Schinosa-Trani (Italy) (Batch No. S7 – Volume: 4,500 litres)	
Medium green fruitiness	1 <sup>o</sup>	O-MED/Venchipa S.L.- Acula/Granada (Spain) (Batch No. 19 – Volume: 11,900 litres)
	2 <sup>o</sup>	Oro de Cánava- Nuestra Señora de los Remedios- Jimena/Jaén (Spain) (Batch NODRIZA No. 6 – Volume: 5,568 litres)
Delicate green fruitiness	Grupo Valdecuevas Agro S.L.U.- Valladolid (Spain) (Batch No. 7 – Volume: 9,000 litres)	
Small-scale producers	Frantoio Oleario Mossa Domenica- Sannicandro di Bari (Italy) (Batch No. S09 – Volume: 1,970 litres)	

	<b>Third prize</b>	
Robust green fruitiness	Sdad. Coop. Olivarera de Valdepeñas (Colival) - Ciudad Real/Valdepeñas (Spain) (Batch No. 1 – Volume: 11,000 litres)	
Medium green fruitiness	Olivarera Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe, S.C.A.- Baena/Córdoba (Spain) (Batch No. 6 – Volume: 12,008 litres)	
Small-scale producers	Olivasur Natural, S.L.- El Porrosillo/Jaén (Spain) (Batch No. 4-A – Volume: 3,500 litres)	



	<b>Finalists</b>	
<b>Robust green fruitiness</b>	1 <sup>o</sup>	<b>Knolive Oils S.L.- Priego de Córdoba/Córdoba (Spain)</b> (Batch No. 48– Volume: 11,290 litres)
<b>Medium green fruitiness</b>	1 <sup>o</sup>	<b>S.C.A. del Campo El Alcázar- Baeza/Jaén (Spain)</b> (Batch No. 2 – Volume: 5,458 litres)
	2 <sup>o</sup>	<b>Agrícola de Bailén Virgen de Zocueca S.COOP.AND- Bailén/Jaén (Spain)</b> (Batch ENV No.8652 – Volume: 12,000 litres)
	3 <sup>o</sup>	<b>S.C.A. San Felipe Apóstol Balcón del Guadalquivir- Baeza/Jaén (Spain)</b> (Batch No. N1– Volume: 8,080 litres)
<b>Small-scale producers</b>	1 <sup>o</sup>	<b>Petra Villaescusa Arreaza /Aceites Almagre- Almagro/Ciudad Real (Spain)</b> (Batch No. E2460963 – Volume: 1,026 litres)
	2 <sup>o</sup>	<b>Terraverne 2020, S.L.- Teba/Málaga (Spain)</b> (Batch No. D8 – Volume: 2,730 litres)

The 2026 edition of the **International Olive Council (IOC) Mario Solinas Quality Award (Northern Hemisphere)** announced by the IOC in July 2025, received 122 oils: 1 from Algeria, 2 from China, 1 from France, 3 from Greece, 1 from Iran, 5 from Italy, 1 from Jordan, 12 from Morocco, 9 from Portugal, 59 from Spain and 28 from Tunisia.

They were presented by individual producers, producer associations and packer companies.

In accordance with the competition rules published in July 2025, only oils from large-scale producers (batch volume > 4,000 litres) were classified according to median and type of fruitiness.

In accordance with the competition rules, in categories with a small number of participants, the number of winners will be determined by the international jury and will be proportional to the number of participants in each category (does not exceed 20 % of the number of participants in each category).



The extra virgin olive oils presented were classified according to the following categories:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Median of Fruitiness</b>	<b>Batch Volume</b>
Robust green fruitiness	$Me > 6$	$\geq 4,000$ litres
Medium green fruitiness	$3 < Me \leq 6$	$\geq 4,000$ litres
Delicate green fruitiness	$Me \leq 3$	$\geq 4,000$ litres
Ripe fruitiness		$\geq 4,000$ litres
Small-scale producers		$\geq 1,000$ litres
Packers		$\geq 15,000$ litres

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The members of this edition's international jury evaluated all the oils submitted to the competition and chose the top scoring oils for each category.

The international jury proceeded to select the winners of the "2026 IOC Mario Solinas Quality Awards – Northern Hemisphere" from among these oils in each category. Their evaluations were based on an evaluation sheet in which criteria such as olfactory, taste, and retronasal sensations, as well as harmony, complexity and persistence, were scored out of 100. Additionally, they recommended to the IOC Executive Secretariat the oils eligible for the second and third prizes in each category.

In accordance with the competition rules, all participants may proceed to unseal the deposit of the batch of oil submitted.

The awards ceremony will be held on 18 June 2026 at the IOC headquarters in Madrid, Spain.

