

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL: WINNERS OF THE 24TH SOL D'ORO ANNOUNCED TODAY AT SOL EXPO

SELECTED BY A PANEL OF 15 MASTER TASTERS FROM AMONG 315 OLIVE OIL SAMPLES FROM 9 COUNTRIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COMPETITION

Verona, March 1, 2026. The winners of the **24th Sol d'Oro Northern Hemisphere Competition** were unveiled today during the first day of SOL Expo. The oils were selected through blind tasting by an international panel of 15 master tasters, who evaluated 315 oil samples from Italy, Spain, Turkey, Slovenia, Portugal, Lebanon, Jordan, Croatia and Greece. The “Sol d'Oro”, “d'Argento” and “di Bronzo” awards were assigned to the best performers in the categories “Extra Virgin” (further divided into “Light Fruity”, “Medium Fruity” and “Intense Fruity”), “PDO”, “Monovarietal” and “Organic”. The list of winners is completed by the best entries among the “Absolute Beginners” (with production between 500 and 1,499 liters) and “Big Producers” (companies marketing extra virgin olive oil with a total volume exceeding 1 million liters or with total revenues above €50 million). The finalist oils will be featured during the event—running until Tuesday (3/3) at Veronafiere—in two dedicated tastings.

“Once again this year we tasted oils of excellent quality, with outstanding aromatic and flavor profiles,” commented Marino Giorgetti, panel leader of the competition jury. “For some time we have observed a growing level of know-how among producers, who year after year refine their ability to manage and navigate the uncertainty that characterizes olive harvests, offering us truly surprising tastings.”

The 2026 edition of the competition featured a jury led by Marino Giorgetti and composed of the Italian judges Giulio Scatolini, Giuseppe Giordano, Fulvio Genovese, Simone De Nicola, Gianfranco De Felici, Annalisa Valetti and Gianpaolo Fasoli, alongside international judges Milena Bucar Miklavcic (Slovenia), Miciyo Yamada (Japan), Lourdes Gonzalez Koc (Peru), Na Xie (China), Josè Mingo Marinetti (Chile), Brigida Jimenez Herrera (Spain) and Ana Carrilho (Portugal).

Looking at the overall number of certificates awarded (including oils receiving the “Gran Menzione”), the Italian region of Puglia ranks firmly in first place with 21 recognitions, followed by Lazio (15) and Sicilia (11), while the ranking among foreign countries is dominated by Spain with 21 entries. Notably, Slovenia reached the podium twice for the first time in the “Extra Virgin Light Fruity” and “Absolute Beginners” categories. Narrowing the focus to oils on the various podiums, Lazio and Puglia stand out in the medal table, both with 7 medals.

LINK TO DOWNLOAD THE PHOTOS (AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 2): <https://we.tl/t-BtedPH2GA6>

Elenco vincitori Sol d'Oro
CATEGORIA EXTRAVERGINE FRUTTATO LEGGERO

OLIVE OIL MORGAN	Slovenia	<i>Morgan Blend</i>	Sol d'Oro
MARSICANI NICOLANGELO	Campania, Salerno	<i>Alter Ego</i>	Sol d'Argento
AZIENDA AGRICOLA DONATO CONSERVA	Puglia, Bari	<i>Mimi</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA EXTRAVERGINE FRUTTATO MEDIO

CETRONE ALFREDO AZIENDA AGRICOLA	Lazio, Latina	<i>Olio Evo Cetrone Novolio</i>	Sol d'Oro
AZIENDA AGRICOLA TOMMASO MASCIAANTONIO	Abruzzo, Chieti	<i>L'Olio</i>	Sol d'Argento
SABINO LEONE	Puglia, Bari	<i>La M'nenn</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA EXTRAVERGINE FRUTTATO INTENSO

OILIVIS S.R.L.	Puglia, Foggia	<i>Garmonia</i>	Sol d'Oro
TENUTE LIBRANDI	Calabria, Cosenza	<i>Monocultivar Nocellara del Belice</i>	Sol d'Argento
QUATTROCIOCCHI AMERICO	Lazio, Frosinone	<i>Olivaastro</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

DI GIROLAMO MASSIMILIANO	Lazio, Latina	<i>Olio Extravergine di Oliva</i>	Sol d'Oro
AZIENDA AGRICOLA AŽMAN	Slovenia	<i>Ažman Couvee</i>	Sol d'Argento
COSTANTINI MICHELE	Lazio, Latina	<i>Olio La Macèra</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA DOP

QUATTROCIOCCHI AMERICO	Lazio, Frosinone	<i>Olio di Roma IGP</i>	Sol d'Oro
AZIENDA AGRICOLA DONATO CONSERVA	Puglia, Bari	<i>Mimi Oglarola Dop</i>	Sol d'Argento
AZIENDA AGRICOLA TOMMASO MASCIAANTONIO	Abruzzo, Chieti	<i>Trappeto di Caprafico</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA BIOLOGICO

QUATTROCIOCCHI AMERICO	Lazio, Frosinone	<i>Classico</i>	Sol d'Oro
MICELI AND SENSAT	Sicilia, Palermo	<i>U'Ciuri</i>	Sol d'Argento
INTINI	Puglia, Taranto	<i>BIO</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA MONOVARIETALE

AZIENDA AGRICOLA CAPUTO MARIA	Puglia, Bari	<i>Gran Pregio Bio Coratina</i>	Sol d'Oro
QUATTROCIOCCHI AMERICO	Lazio, Frosinone	<i>Superbo</i>	Sol d'Argento
SABINO LEONE	Puglia, Bari	<i>La Guapp'</i>	Sol di Bronzo

CATEGORIA BIG PRODUCERS EXTRAVERGINE

MELISSA KIKIZAS S.A.	Greece	<i>Terra Creta PDO Kolymvari</i>	Targa d'Oro
GOYA EN ESPAÑA S.A.U	Spain	<i>GOYA® Premium Unico</i>	Targa d'Argento
ACEITES ORO BAILEN GALGON 99 SLU	Spain	<i>Oro Bailen Picual</i>	Targa di Bronzo

CATEGORIA BIG PRODUCERS MONOVARIETALE

MONINI SPA	Puglia, Perugia	<i>Monocultivar Coratina Bio</i>	Targa d'Oro
OLEICOLA JAEN S.A.	Spain	<i>Don Remigio</i>	Targa d'Argento
MOLINO DEL GENIL	Spain	<i>Molino del Genil Picual</i>	Targa di Bronzo

CATEGORIA BIG PRODUCERS BIOLOGICO

ALMAZARAS DE LA SUBBETICA	Spain	<i>Rincón de La Subbética (Dop Priego de Córdoba)</i>	Targa d'Oro
REDORO S.R.L. FRANTOI VENETI	Veneto, Verona	<i>Biologico Redoro</i>	Targa d'Argento
ACEITES ORO BAILEN GALGON 99 SLU	Spain	<i>Oro Bailen Picual Bio</i>	Targa di Bronzo

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