THE AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL OLIVE AWARDS 2019

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL COMPETITION

INFORMATION

Head Judge: Shane Cummins
Chief Steward: Trudie Michels
Entries Open: Monday 1st July 2019
Closing Date for entries: Friday 30th August 2019
Post Dates: Ensure all Australian entries are posted by 20th August to ensure they arrive on time.

Major Winners Announced: 18th October 2019 at the AIOA Presentation Dinner, Albury NSW

Extra Virgin Olive Oil Classes

CLASS 1 – Delicate
CLASS 2 – Medium
CLASS 3 – Robust

Entries submitted entered into Classes 1, 2 and 3 must be received commercially packaged and labelled for sale. There must be a minimum of 50 litres of this oil available for sale.

CLASS 4: Non-Packaged (Bulk)
Minimum volume 2,000 litres. Includes stock that is intended to be sold in bulk domestically or internationally.

CLASS 5: Varietals
Class 5 A – Spanish Varietals
Class 5 B – Italian Varietals
Class 5 C – Greek Varietals
Class 5 D – Other Varietals
(commercially packaged and labelled for sale) Minimum volume 50 litres per varietal. Entries must be a single cultivar (no blends). Entries may also be entered into Classes 1-4. Entries must be sent with the entry’s FFA, PV, PPH and UV test results.

Chemical Analysis Testing

All entries entered into Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 must be accompanied by test results from an Australian NATA accredited laboratory. The four (4) tests required by this competition are FFA (Free Fatty Acid), PV (Peroxide Value), Ultra Violet (UV) and PPH (Polyphenols). The Chief Steward WILL accept NIR test results. Any entries that fail the chemical analysis will be withdrawn from judging without refund.

Australian entries: The laboratories below will provide NIR test reports. Approximate cost is $37 AUD per entry.


New Zealand Entries - All entries must be accompanied by Olives New Zealand Certification or test results from an Australian NATA accredited laboratory (see above in Australian Entries).

International Entries - All International entries (other than the aforementioned), must be accompanied by test results from an IOC or AOCS accredited laboratory:
http://www.internationaloliveoil.org/estaticos/view/226-laboratories-panels
https://www.aocs.org/labservices

TESTING CRITERIA

All entries in Classes 1-5 are expected to meet the following chemical parameters for Extra Virgin Olive Oil (as set out in the Australian Standards [AS5264-2011]), in particular:

- Free Fatty Acid (FFA): \( \leq 0.8\% \)
- Peroxide Value (PV): \( \leq 20 \) meq O\(_2\)/kg oil
- Absorbency in Ultra Violet: (UV)
- \( K_{222} < 2.50, K_{270} < 0.22, \Delta K < 0.01/\)

If required the AOA may resubmit an Entry to a NATA accredited lab for confirmation of chemical analysis (FFA, PV and UV) at their cost.
Entries assessed as faulty may be withdrawn at the head judge’s discretion. The head judge will contact the entrant to discuss such concerns.

If requested, the Chief Steward can organise NATA accredited oil analysis for your oils and provide you with the results. This will be charged at AUD $190 +GST per oil sample. Please indicate that you want this to occur when completing your Entry Form. When posting your entry, low enough time (2 weeks) for the testing to be completed.

**BATCH/LOT NUMBER**

The AOA needs the BATCH/LOT number of your oil on the entry form to clearly correspond with the NATA/IOC/AOCS accredited laboratory sample number on your oil analysis report.

An example of a DPI Laboratory reference code is R19-01234/0001 and an example of a Modern Olives Laboratory Reference Code is 19/0446/1.

This number assists the AOA in matching the oil in the entry to its correct analysis to make sure that oil meets the chemical parameters for Extra Virgin Olive Oil as set out in the Australian Standards (AS5264–2011). If an entry(s) fails to match then they will be ineligible for judging.

**Entry Fees (per entry)**

To receive the discounted Entry Fees; all AOA Financial membership fees MUST be up to date or either paid in advance or at the time of entering the Competition. A remittance statement or payment for AOA & COP membership(s) must be sent with your entry forms. No exceptions.

**ENTRY FEE SCEDULE**

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<th><em>prices are GST exclusive. International Entrants will not be charged GST.</em></th>
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<td>Australian and International EVOO (per entry)</td>
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43% Discount for AOA members (Australian and International). For more information on AOA membership see page 5.

$200.00

**Allocation to Classes**

The polyphenols (PPH) of an EVOO is a measure which has been shown to correlate strongly with the style of the oil, i.e. delicate, medium or robust. All entries entered into Classes 1 to 5, will be checked against their Polyphenol test results. The Chief Steward will assign the entry to ensure it correlates with the class. It can then be judged fairly without being impacted by oils with higher polyphenol levels.

**There are no limits to the number of entries that any one company or individual can enter.**

**Extra Virgin Olive Oil Entry Requirements**

**Samples required:** A minimum of 1.5 litres of oil must be provided for each entry entered. This can be three (3) samples of 500ml /750ml or six (6) 250ml samples. This can be in bottles, casks and or tins. Any remaining entries remain the property of the Australian Olive Association Ltd.

**Duel Class entries:** Entries into Class 5 are permitted to also be entered into Classes 1-4 providing the entries adhere to each Class entry requirement, a separate entry is made for each entry and the required entry fee is paid.

**Commercially Packaged:** Entries (excluding entries into Class 4 and 5) must be commercially packaged and labelled and intended to be available for sale at the time of entry. The organising committee reserves the right to reallocate or exclude entries from judging that fail to meet this requirement without notice.

**Proof of volume:** The entrant agrees to accede to any reasonable request by the organising committee to prove that any entry submitted by them is commercially available in the volume specified on the entry form. The organising committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.

**For more comprehensive Australian International Olive Awards Conditions of Entry visit:**

**Awards, Trophies & Decals**

Gold Award (86-100 points)
Silver Award (76–85 points)
Bronze Award (65–75 points)

**Major Awards and Trophies**

Trophies may be given for the following:

- BEST EVOO OF SHOW
  (Awarded to the overall best olive oil of the day excluding Class 6 & 7.)
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- Best EVOO Australian
- Best EVOO Northern Hemisphere
- Best EVOO Other Southern Hemisphere (includes all entries except Australia)
- Best EVOO Imported into Australia – Must be commercially available in Australia.
- Champion Delicate EVOO (Class 1) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Medium EVOO (Class 2) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Robust EVOO (Class 3) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Non-Packaged (Bulk) EVOO (Class 4) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Spanish Varietal EVOO (Class 5A) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Italian Varietal EVOO (Class 5B) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Greek Varietal EVOO (Class 5C) & Reserve Champion
- Champion Other Varietal EVOO (Class 5D) & Reserve Champion
- Best New South Wales EVOO
- Best South Australian EVOO
- Best Tasmanian EVOO
- Best Victorian EVOO
- Best West Australian EVOO
- Best Queensland EVOO

Official Award Decals
- 2019 Medal Decals and digital medal artwork will be available to order and pay for online. Details of online ordering and postage will be emailed to entrants during the week 23-27th September 2019.
- See Conditions of Entry for more information more about Decal use.

Closing Date of Entries
FRIDAY, 30th August 2019 at 5.00 pm CST

Results
All entrants will be emailed their personal results during the week 23-27th September 2019. This email will include competition results including any medals won and notification of any major award achievements. The email will include a link to online decal ordering, the National Olive Industry Conference & Trade Exhibition details and information about the Major Awards Presentation Dinner on the 18th October 2019.

Medal certificates will be posted to entrants during that same week.

How to Enter

1. Go to https://internationaloliveawardsaustralia.com.au and complete your online entry by clicking on the EVOO, Flavoured Oils and Table Olives links at the top of the home page. Fill in your entry details and Add to Cart. You can add as many entries in this category as needed. When finished, click View Cart and your entries will be detailed. To enter another category (Flavoured Oils, Table Olives, EVOO) click on the ‘To enter more entries click here’ link at the bottom of the page.

2. Once you have completed your entries, they will all be in your Cart. When finished, click the Proceed to checkout box. You then need to fill in your contact and company billing details. When you first register with the online entries, you will be emailed a username and password to use to view your entries and make further entries. If you entered the 2018 competition, your username and password will be the same.

3. Then click on Place Order to make the payment by credit card. All payments will be made in Australian Dollars. You will receive an emailed receipt of the entries you entered and the payment made.

4. Alternatively, you can download and complete the 2019 Australian International Olive Awards Entry Form from the same webpage. If you use a hard copy entry form you will be emailed an invoice from the AOA. Be sure to complete the Entry Declarations. A $10 handling fee will be incurred for all paper entries.

5. Clearly mark each entry with your chosen 3-digit identification code detailed on the entry form.

6. Send your adequately packed and labelled entry(s) with a copy of your entry details (online entry receipt or hard copy entry form), oil analysis (classes 1 - 6) and payment receipt to: AIOA Head Steward, Trudie Michels, C/o 88 George Street, Norwood SA 5067 Australia. Entries must be received by Friday 31st August 2019.

7. The AOA recommends that you track your parcel to make sure it reaches the intended address on time. The AOA is not responsible for shipping or customs charges.

IMPORTANT: Carefully wrap each bottle individually with bubble wrap or other suitable shock absorbent material to avoid entries being broken during transit. We also recommend placing each wrapped entry into a large plastic ziplock back. Should the bottle break the damage will be contained. Broken entries will not be included for judging and fees will not be refunded.
International Entries
For posting entries into Australia
✓ Do not pack your entry in wooden or cardboard boxes that have been used to hold fruit, vegetables or meat/smallgoods – this packaging is a biosecurity risk.
✓ Do not pack with straw or dried plant material; use newspaper, bubble wrap or foam to wrap fragile goods.
✓ Make sure you fill out the declaration label clearly and correctly, itemising everything inside the package, including any packaging materials you have used.
✓ Clearly label the contents “Olive Oil” and/or “Table Olives”. “Sample, No Commercial Value. Not for sale. Mark them “Food sample for exhibition/competition”.
✓ Entrants will be charged for all customs charges on their international shipping documents should the documents/sample package are not properly prepared.
✓ DHL and FEDEX are recommended international couriers.

For more comprehensive Australian International Olive Awards Conditions of Entry visit: https://internationaloliveawardsaustralia.com.au/conditions-of-entry/

AOA Membership
The Australian Olive Association Ltd (AOA) invites all Australian International Olive Awards entrants to become a member of the AOA.

The AOA is the Governments Prescribed Industry Body (PIB) responsible for representing all levy payers in Australia. The AOA is also the peak Industry body that looks after interests of Australian olive growers as well as supporting the broader community of industry participants, including service providers, marketers, our international partners and olive enthusiasts.

▪ As a member of the AOA you will receive a substantial 43% discount ($150/entry) on entry to the inaugural Australian International Olive Awards.
▪ As a new AOA member, you will receive a complimentary copy of the excellent book Olive Growing, which is referred to as “the Olive grower’s bible” (normally $160.00).
▪ AOA members receive discounts to industry run events such as workshops, training seminars and the annual National Olive Industry Conference & Trade Exhibition.
▪ AOA members are also eligible to become Signatories to the OliveCare® Code of Best Practice.
▪ AIOA testing is also accepted for compliance with OliveCare® requirements.
▪ The AOA sends regular information and newsletters via email, and social media. AOA pages have industry focus https://www.facebook.com/AustralianOliveAssociationLtd and consumer focus https://www.facebook.com/AustralianExtraVirgin/
▪ For more information visit www.australianolives.com.au

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