

25th Australian Golden Olive Awards



2023

Golden Olives 2023

Thank you to all our entrants for this year's Australian Golden Olive Awards. This marks the twenty fifth anniversary of the Australian Golden Olive Awards and each year brings its own challenges. This year many of our regular entrants were missing due to a number of factors. Most significantly many groves were hit by Olive Lace Bug which significantly reduced yield. This was pretty much a consequence of great conditions for lace bugs (not so great for olive growers!). A mild summer and slow cooling through to winter also meant that a lot of crops were not harvested till quite late. Some people harvested too late to enter the Australian Golden Olive Awards, whilst others had not harvested before the frosts came. We sincerely hope that many of those familiar faces missing from this year's awards will be back to enter next year. One thing for certain is that a lot of truly wonderful olive oils were entered.

Only one olive oil failed to be classified extra virgin and we have worked with that person to sort out what happened. This is one of the important benefits of entering the Australian Golden Olive Awards. If an olive oil fails to be certified as Extra Virgin we will work with the grove to identify the steps in the processing that may need to be changed to assist the grove in ensuring the following year their olive oils meet the Australian Standards for extra virgin olive oil.

Once again thank you to all the entrants because you are the ones that make it viable to run this competition each year.

Rob Whyte – President Olive Producers NE Victoria

Statistical Analysis of Results

Provided below are some analyses of our entries. Keep in mind that apart from Silver entries the numbers are not sufficiently large to be statistically significant but are provided nevertheless for completeness.

Month of harvest based on medal

Gold medals. 3 harvested in May, 3 in June
Silver Medals 4 harvested in April, 17 in May, 7 in June
Bronze Medals 1 harvested in April, 2 in May, 5 in June

Polyphenol vs month of harvest

	Delicate <150 mg/kg	Medium 150-300mg/kg	Robust > 300mg/kg
April	0	2	3
May	1	10	15
June	1	12	2
July	0	3	0

Lowest Polyphenol – 78 harvested 2nd May

Highest Polyphenol – 567 harvested 7th June

Class Winners

Winners are only awarded where a gold medal is awarded in a particular category. No winners were placed for Group 1 Micro Volume, Group 5 Agrumato and Group 6 Infused.

Winner – Best Oil In Show

The Olive Dowry - Blend Manzanillo, Correggiola, Kalamata

Winner – Best Oil From Heritage Trees

Grampians Olive Co – Signature Blend

Winner – Group 2 Small Volume

The Olive Dowry - Blend Manzanillo, Correggiola, Kalamata

Winner – Group 3 Large Volume

Taralinga Estate – Robusto Blend / Rio Vista - Signore

Best New Producer

The Olive Dowry

Processor of the Year

EV Olives

Gold Medal Winners

Entrant	Class	Class Description	Sample Description	Score	Medal
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Signore	87	Gold
Taralinga Estate	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Robusto	87	Gold
The Olive Dowry	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Blend Manzanillo, Correggiola, Kalamata	87	Gold
Grampians Olive Co	4	Oil Produced From Heritage Trees	Signature	86	Gold
Jandra Olive Farm	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Frantoio	86	Gold
Myrree Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Correggiola	86	Gold
Tree Tops Plantation	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Hardys Mammoth	86	Gold

Silver Medal Winners

Entrant	Class	Class Description	Sample Description	Score	Medal
Island Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	84	Silver
Paringa Ridge Pty LTD	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Picual	84	Silver
Rich Glen	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Early Harvest Coratina	84	Silver
Greta's Grace	1	Micro Volume - 25-99 litres	Leccino, Frantoio, Pendolino	83.5	Silver
Grampians Olive Co	4	Oil Produced From Heritage Trees	Delicate	83	Silver
Myrtlevalle Olives	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Correggiola	83	Silver
Oils of Milawa	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Mission	83	Silver
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Hardys Mammoth	83	Silver

Entrant	Class	Class Description	Sample Description	Score	Medal
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Kalamata	83	Silver
ROSTO	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Koroneiki, Coratina Early Pick	83	Silver
Wangandary Olives	1	Micro Volume - 25-99 litres	Frantoio, Manzanillo, Hardys Mammoth Blend	83	Silver
Coolamon Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Paragon	82	Silver
Lisadurne Hill	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Hojiblanca	82	Silver
Oils of Milawa	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Leccino	82	Silver
Rio Vista	5	Agrumato Olive Oil	Chilli	82	Silver
Thornton Grove	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	82	Silver
Jandra Olive Farm	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	81	Silver
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Classic	81	Silver
Rio Vista	5	Agrumato Olive Oil	Lemon	81	Silver
Upper Murray Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Leccino	81	Silver
Island Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio Leccino Picual	80	Silver
Rich Glen	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Coratina	80	Silver
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Nevadillo Blanco	80	Silver
ROSTO	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Koroneiki, Coratina, Corregiola, Arbequina	80	Silver
San Isidore Olive Oil	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Kalamata Manzanillo	80	Silver
Wangrove	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Nevadillo Blanco, Priola, Verdale	79	Silver
Grampians Olive Co	4	Oil Produced From Heritage Trees	Olio Nuovo	78	Silver
Oils of Milawa	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	78	Silver
Rich Glen	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Signature Frantoio, Coratina, Manzanillo	78	Silver

Entrant	Class	Class Description	Sample Description	Score	Medal
Rio Vista	5	Agrumato Olive Oil	Mandarin	78	Silver
Gooramadda Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Reserve Blend	77	Silver
Myrtlevale Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Manzanillo/UC13A6	77	Silver
Paringa Ridge Pty LTd	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Arbequina	77	Silver
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Koroneiki	77	Silver
Jandra Olive Farm	6	Infused Olive Oil	Rosemary, Lemon & Pepper	76	Silver
Luigi's Farm	1	Micro Volume - 25-99 litres	Frantoio Blend	76	Silver
Rich Glen	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Manzanillo	76	Silver

Bronze Medal Winners

Entrant	Class	Class Description	Sample Description	Score	Medal
Rio Vista	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Manzanillo	74	Bronze
Lisadurne Hill	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Signore	73	Bronze
Taralinga Estate	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Fruttato	72.5	Bronze
Thornton Grove	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Leccino	71	Bronze
EV Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	70	Bronze
Mollys Grove	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Frantoio	70	Bronze
Wangandary Olives	1	Micro Volume - 25-99 litres	Frantoio	70	Bronze
Jay Fakhry	3	Large Volume - 1000 litres or more	Manzanilla	67.5	Bronze

Gooramadda Olives	2	Small Volume 100-999 litres	Classic	66	Bronze
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