



Taste, Toast & Celebrate!
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Olive Oil Producers Win Top Honors in Annual Harvest Fair Competition

Impressive craftsmanship and quality fruit from Sonoma County make for superior liquid gold

SANTA ROSA, CA – **July 23, 2024** —The results are in! A whopping 45 olive oils were entered in the Harvest Fair’s annual Olive Oil Competition. Ten different varieties were represented, producers from four local regions were on display, 15 Double Gold medals and 17 Golds were bestowed upon the top winners.

A select team of judges spent a full day carefully evaluating each entry based on sensory attributes, quality, and adherence to very specific category standards. The oil that clearly came out on top and took home the Fair’s highest honor with a Double Gold and Best of Show was a Picholine Blend EVOO from Sebastopol’s Gold Ridge Organic Farms. “We are blessed with one of the best growing environments for producing world class olive oils. It’s gratifying that the judges appreciated the quality of our picholine extra virgin oil this year,” said Brooke Hazen, Farmer & Owner of Gold Ridge Organic Farms.

Kudos to the following producers who all took home Double Golds for one or more entries: Orsi Family Vineyards (Blend), Il Fusti Olive Oil & Vinegar (Taggiasca, Jalapeno), Bricoleur Vineyards (Blend), Olive Truck (Picual, Arbequina, and Bergamot), Trattore Farms and Winery (Meyer Lemon, Valencia Orange, Basil and Jalapeno), and Olive Press (Jalapeno, Basil). A hearty congratulations to all who entered their well-crafted oils who by doing so, continue to elevate the caliber of the competition. To view the complete list of entrants, please visit harvestfair.org.

There is still time for Sonoma County based food professionals to enter their favorite creations in the Professional Food Competition, as the deadline has been extended to **July 26th**. The Fair is looking for entries in the following categories: **Appetizers/hors d’oeuvres, Bread, Cakes & Pastries, Desserts, Dairy (ice cream, cheese and butter), and Charcuterie/Deli/Pantry Items.**

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair is also accepting entries for the Amateur Wine Competition (entry deadline **August 23rd**) and the Professional Wine Competition (entry deadline **August 30th**). Judging will begin in September. To learn more, please visit <https://harvestfair.org>.

Food and wine lovers will get a chance to taste many of the award-winners at the Harvest Fair's **Taste, Toast & Celebrate!** on Saturday, October 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Grace Pavilion. Guests will be the very first to learn which three wineries will take home top honors as the Sweepstake Winning Wines will be unveiled for the very first time at this coveted harvest celebration. It is truly a not-to-be-missed event and will feature hundreds of medal-winning wines from well-known, beloved wineries along with exciting up-and-coming producers.

Tickets and information are available at <https://harvestfair.org>

[About the Sonoma County Harvest Fair](#)

The Sonoma County Harvest Fair highlights local agricultural, industrial and recreational growers, makers and crafters. From the Fair's inception in 1975, it has become a treasured event for Sonoma County and visitors from around the world. The Harvest Fair is considered one of the premier regional wine judging events in the country and is an important showcase for Sonoma County's storied wineries, restaurants and farms.

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