

Country's top-rated olive oils announced at SA Olive Awards 2022

The medal winners of the 17th annual SA Olive Awards were announced during an exclusive luncheon at the Laborie Wine Estate in Paarl on Thursday, 8 September 2022.



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Judged by an expert panel of international and local judges, the main objective of the SA Olive Awards is to give official recognition to the country's extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) producers' commitment and continual pursuit of excellence, in spite of the challenges faced during the year.

This year's awards attracted a total of 119 entries from 49 producers - an increase on last year's 113 entries from 46 producers. The highest-scoring gold medal winners from the SA Olive Awards are entered into a further round of judging and the top EVOOs selected for the prestigious Absa Top 10 Olive Oil Awards, which will take place on 7 October 2022.

Producers De Rustica, Mardouw and Porterville all scored multiple Gold medals this year.

“ Today the [@SAOliveIndustry](#) celebrates the commitment & pursuit of quality by SA Extra Virgin Olive Oil producers at the lovely [@laboriewines](#) in Paarl. [#SAagriculture](#) [#Agroprocessing](#) [pic.twitter.com/7bokZTrBqq](#)— Bizcom Agriculture (@Biz_Agriculture) [September 8, 2022](#) ”

These are this year's Gold medal winners in the three SA Olive Awards categories.

Gold awards in Delicate category

Producer	Product
De Rustica	Estate Delicate
Lions Creek Olive Estate	Lions Creek Frantoio Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Rio Largo Olive Estate	Rio Largo Gold
The Greenleaf Olive Company	Food Lover's Signature South African Extra Virgin Olive Oil
The Greenleaf Olive Company	River Press Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Porterville	Andante Delicate

Gold awards in Medium category

Producer	Product
Chaloner	The Peregrine Limited Edition
Darling Olives	Darling Olives Estate Limited Blend EVOO
De Rustica	Collection: Coratina
De Rustica	Estate Medium
Die Klip Huis	Die Klip Huis
Galenia Estate	Galenia Estate - Mission
Het Mock Casteel	Het Mock Casteel Favolosa
Mardouw	Mardouw Oil of the Olive Medium
Mardouw	Mardoux XXV Medium
Morgenster	Don Carlo Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Morgenster	Morgenster Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Oudewerfskloof Olive Farm	OWK - Picual
Porterville	Andante Intenso
Zoetigheyd Farms	Zoetigheyd Premium Frantoio

Gold awards in Intense category

Producer	Product
Altevrede	Altevrede - Favolosa
Mardouw	Mardouw Oil of the Olive Favolosa
Mardouw	Mardouw XXV Intense
Oudewerfskloof Olive Farm	OWK - Favolosa
Porterville	Andante Forte

Vittoria Jooste, CEO of the SA Olive Industry said, “We congratulate all the winners and thank all the participants, judges, organisers and sponsors – Alfa Laval, Amenduni, Mori-Tem and Pieralisi – for making this yet another successful awards ceremony, when we can salute and celebrate the quality and excellence of our locally produced EVOOs.”

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