



**ITALIAN OLIVE OIL EARNS TOP NOD IN LOS ANGELES
INTERNATIONAL EVOO COMPETITION
Judges From Around The World Gather at Fairplex in Pomona, CA, For International Event**

In a showdown featuring products from more than a dozen nations, 18 judges from around the world sampled 658 extra virgin olive oils at the 19th annual Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition and selected Italy's Frantoio Del Poggiolo by Monini, varietal Nocellara, Italy for the Marco Mugelli Award as the finest olive oil in the competition. Held at Fairplex, home of the LA County Fair, the LAIEVOO Competition is rated the premiere event in the nation and #5 in the world.

Frantoio Del Poggiolo by Monini, varietal Nocellara received the Marco Mugelli Prize, an award given by judges to the top of all the best of show extra virgin olive oils. Named after the late internationally recognized agricultural scientist, engineer, olive oil expert and founder of the National Association of Olive Oil Tasters (ANAPOO) in Italy, Dr. Marco Mugelli, the prize exemplifies the "best of the best," according to Darrell Corti, chairman of the LAIEVOOC.

In addition to the top prize, the following earned "best of show" status:

BEST OF SHOW – DOMESTIC

- Delicate – Pacific Sun, Eva's Blend, Sacramento Valley, California
- Medium – 43 Ranch Olive Oil, Helen's Blend, Paso Robles, California
- Robust – Wild Groves, Robust Blend, Sierra Foothills, California

BEST OF SHOW – INTERNATIONAL

- Delicate – Masia el Altet, Premium, Spain
- Medium – Frantoio Del Poggiolo by Monini, Nocellara, Italy
- Medium – Frantoio Del Poggiolo by Monini, Frantoio, Italy
- Robust – Olivko, Premium, Chetou, Utique, Tunisia

BEST OF SHOW –FLAVORED

- Agrumato, Citron, Abruzzo, Italy
- The Olive Press, Jalapeño, California

In addition to these top honors, 29 Best of Class awards, 134 Gold Medal awards, 167 Silver Medal awards, and 94 Bronze Medal awards were presented to EVOO representatives from Argentina, Australia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China, Croatia, France, Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and the United States.

For a list of all the winners, visit www.laoliveoilcomp.com.

About Fairplex:

Fairplex is a nonprofit, 501(c)5 organization that leads a 487-acre campus proudly located in the City of Pomona. Fairplex exists

in a public-private partnership with the County of Los Angeles and is home of the LA County Fair and more than 500 year-round events.

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