



*The competition with Veronafiére patronage closed yesterday in Santiago, Chile*

## **SOL D'ORO SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE: FIRST EDITION REWARDS OLIVE OILS FROM ARGENTINA, CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA AND URUGUAY. SPECIAL MENTIONS FOR PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA AND PERU.**

**In addition to 9 medals, 16 Special Mentions were also awarded among the 70 samples assessed 29 September-2 October in the twin Sol d'Oro competition dedicated to extra virgin olive oils produced in the southern hemisphere.**

**Verona - Santiago, Chile, 3 October 2014.** An olive oil tour uniting the world. Santiago in Chile last night saw the completion of the first edition of the Sol d'Oro Southern Hemisphere competition (29 September-2 October) which attracted 70 samples of extra virgin olive oil from six countries. The new initiative, organized by Panel Cata Chile, the trade association that promotes consumption of quality olive oil and cultural exchanges with the worldwide olive sector, enjoys the patronage of Veronafiére and is effectively the replica, in the most appropriate period for olive oils produced between April and June, of the competition - acknowledged as the most important in the world - held the past 12 years in February in Verona. This is why Sol d'Oro Southern Hemisphere adopted Sol d'Oro's regulations and assessment quality is assured thanks to the same panel leader and jury. Awards were made in each category (medium, light and intense fruit) to products from companies based in Argentina, Chile, South Africa and Uruguay, while the Special Mentions went to products from Australia and Peru. As part of the next edition of Sol&Agrifood in Verona 22-25 March 2015, these award-winning oils will take part in a grand tasting, various other tasting and b2b meetings. They will also be included in the 'Sol d'Oro Stars' publication presented to incoming buyers from all around the world.

The winners of first edition of the Sol d'Oro Southern Hemisphere event in 2014 (*the complete list including Special Mentions is provided at the end of this Press Release*):

Category - **delicate fruit**: Laguna Torca, Oro de Torca (Chile); Daniel Emprendimientos S.A, with Piuqué Blend (Argentina); Valle Grande S.A. with Olave Nocellara (Chile).

Category - **medium fruit**: Willow Creek, Director's Reserve (South Africa); Agroland S.A., Colinas de Garzón Bivarietal (Uruguay); Olivos Valle del Sol S.A., Deleyda Premium (Chile).

Category - **intense fruit**: Inia Intihuasi, Edición Especial 50 años (Chile); Azienda Agrícola Pobeña S.A., Alonso (Chile), Azienda Alma Oliva S.A., Alma Oliva Varietal Coratina (Argentina).

*"We wanted to impress the jury with olive oils from the southern hemisphere and we certainly succeeded: We are highly delighted with the number of entries and the quality expressed in this first edition,"* said **José Mingo, President de Panel Cata Chile.**

*"We managed to bring Sol d'Oro from the Apennines to the Andes,"* said the **Deputy President of Veronafiére, Damiano Berzacola.** *This first edition will remain in the history of Veronafiére and Panel*

*Cata Chile who together have written a wonderful page of collaboration, professionalism and friendship in the name of extra virgin olive oil that unites cultures and peoples in all latitudes of the world."*

### **List of Winners and Special Mentions by category**

#### **Category - delicate fruit:**

1<sup>st</sup> Laguna Torca, Oro de Torca, Chile

2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Emprendimientos Company S.A., Piuqué Blend, Argentina

3<sup>rd</sup> Valle Grande S.A., Olave Nocellara, Chile

#### **Special Mentions:**

La Reserva de Llançay Ltda, Baga, Chile

Agroindustrias del Sur S.A., Montefiori Frantoio, Peru

Terramater S.A., Petralia, Chile

Agroindustrial Siracusa S.A., Aura, Chile

Olivares de Quepu, 1492 Arbequina, Chile

Agrícola y Forestal Don Rafael Ltda, 8 Olivos Blend, Chile

Evoofoods Agroindustrial Ltda, Doña Oliva, Chile

#### **Category - medium fruit:**

1<sup>st</sup> Willow Creek, Director's Reserve, South Africa

2<sup>nd</sup> Agroland S.A., Colinas de Garzón Bivarietal, Uruguay

3<sup>rd</sup> Olivos Valle del Sol S.A., Deleyda Premium, Chile

#### **Special Mentions:**

Homegrown Farms, Prince Albert Olives, South Africa

Camilo Enterprises, Camilo Max's Blend, Australia

Tokara, Tokara Multivarietal, South Africa

Morgenster Estate, Morgenster Extra Virgin, South Africa

Valle de Olivos, Payantume, Chile

Las Doscientas S.A., Las 200 Picual, Chile

Empresas Carozzi S.A., Carozzi Intenso, Chile

#### **Category - intense fruit:**

1<sup>st</sup> Inia Intihuasi, Edición Especial 50 años, Chile

2<sup>nd</sup> Azienda Agrícola Pobeña S.A., Alonso, Chile

3<sup>rd</sup> Alma Oliva S.A., Alma Oliva Varietal Coratina, Argentina

#### **Special Mention:**

Agrícola Valle Quilimarí, Giangrandi Intenso, Chile

Viña Morandé S.A., Izaro, Chile

***Key: Company, name on product label, country of origin.***

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