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**BIG FRESNO FAIR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 11TH ANNUAL
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY OLIVE OIL COMPETITION**
An incredible 70 entries were received by olive oil producers throughout California

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, May 20, 2026...After extensive judging of quality California-produced olive oils, The Big Fresno Fair is thrilled to reveal the 11th Annual San Joaquin Valley Olive Oil Competition (SJVOOC) winners. This competition, which is open to all olive oil producers in California with products made from their 2025 olive harvest, received a total of 70 entries from 20 different olive oil producers from throughout the State.

Entries were received in two categories: Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO) and Flavored Olive Oil, with 10 classes in total. Gold and Silver Medals were awarded, as well as an overall “Best of Show” and “Best of the Valley” selected from all of the highest scoring gold medal entries in both categories. In total, there were 51 EVOO and 19 Flavored Olive Oil entries that were entered for judging.

The winners of the 11th Annual San Joaquin Valley Olive Oil Competition are as follows with the counties of ranch locations noted in parenthesis:

Best of Show

Cobram Estate *Picual* (Yolo County) – EVOO
Olivaia’s OLAmato *Roma Ebraica* (Tulare County) – Flavored Olive Oil

Best of the Valley

Rosenthal Olive Ranch – *Koroneiki* (Madera County) – EVOO
ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Basil Crush* (Fresno and Madera Counties) – Flavored Olive Oil

Extra Virgin Olive Oils

• **Gold Medal Winners**

- **Spanish Blends:** California Olive Ranch *Miller’s Blend* (Glenn County), Cobram Estate *Classic Flavor* (Yolo County), Corto Olive Co. *Truly* (San Joaquin County), Fresno State *Organic Miller’s Blend* (Fresno County), Golden Harvest Estates *Extra Virgin Olive Oil* (Calaveras County), Olivaia’s OLA *Super Blend* (Tulare County)
- **Spanish Singles:** Cobram Estate *Arbequina* (Yolo County), Cobram Estate *Picual* (Yolo County), ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic EVOO Delicate* (Fresno and Madera Counties), ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic EVOO Medium* (Fresno and Madera Counties), Olivaia’s OLA *Cypress Rose* (Tulare County), Olivaia’s OLA *Sevillano*





(Tulare County), Rio Bravo Ranch *Picual* (Kern County), Rosenthal Olive Ranch *Arbosana* (Madera County), Sunshine Olive Oil *Arbequina* (San Luis Obispo County), Sunshine Olive Oil *Hojiblanca* (San Luis Obispo County)

- **Italian Blends:** Tres Osos Olive Oil *Robust* (Monterey County)
- **Italian Singles:** Cobram Estate *Coratina* (Yolo County)
- **Other Blends:** Cobram Estate *Robust* (Yolo County), Rio Bravo Ranch *Miller's Reserve* (Kern County)
- **Other Singles:** ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic EVOO Bold* (Fresno and Madera Counties), Rosenthal Olive Ranch *Koroneiki* (Madera County), Sunshine Olive Oil *Koroneiki* (San Luis Obispo County)

- **Silver Medal Winners:**

- **Spanish Blends:** California Olive Ranch *100% California EVOO* (Glenn County), Cobram Estate *Classic Arbequina* (Yolo County), Cobram Estate *Everyday Essentials Mild* (Yolo County), Cobram Estate *Select* (Yolo County), JG Family Estate *Premium 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil* (Merced County)
- **Spanish Singles:** California Olive Ranch *Organic CA EVOO* (Glenn County), California Olive Ranch *Reserve Arbosana* (Glenn County), Sunshine Olive Oil *Picual* (San Luis Obispo County)
- **Italian Blends:** Fattoria Due Leoni (Sonoma County), Rio Bravo Ranch *Estate Blend* (Kern County), Sunshine Olive Oil *Tuscan Blend* (San Luis Obispo)
- **Italian Singles:** Sunshine Olive Oil *Bosana* (San Luis Obispo County), Tres Osos Olive Oil *Taggiasca* (Monterey County)
- **Other Blends:** Council Oak Farm *Estate Grown EVOO* (San Luis Obispo County)
- **Other Singles:** Cobram Estate *Mission* (Yolo County), OH Olive Oil *Organic Robust Koroneiki* (Kern County), Organic Roots Olive Oil *Koroneiki* (Colusa and Glenn Counties)

Flavored Olive Oils

- **Gold Medal Winners**

- **Citrus:** ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Eureka Lemon Crush* (Fresno and Madera Counties), Sunshine Olive Oil *Lemon* (San Luis Obispo County), Sutter Buttes *Meyer Lemon* (Sutter County)
- **Herbal:** Corto Olive Co. *Lemon Verbana* (San Joaquin County), ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Basil Crush* (Fresno and Madera Counties), Olivaia's OLAmato *Roma Ebraica* (Tulare County)
- **Pepper:** ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Fresno Chili Crush* (Fresno and Madera Counties), Sunshine Olive Oil *Hot Chili* (San Luis Obispo)
- **Garlic:** Sunshine Olive Oil *Garlic* (San Luis Obispo County), Sutter Buttes *Garlic Herb* (Sutter County)

- **Silver Medal Winners**

- **Citrus:** ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Meyer Lemon* (Fresno and Madera Counties)
- **Pepper:** Corto Olive Co. *Calabrian Chili* (San Joaquin County), Sutter Buttes *Citrus Habanero* (Sutter County), Olivaia's OLAmato *Roma Picante* (Tulare County)
- **Garlic:** Fresno State Olive Oil *Organic Garlic* (Fresno County), ENZO Olive Oil Company *Organic Garlic* (Fresno and Madera Counties)
- **Other:** Sutter Buttes *Vanilla Infused* (Sutter County)





All winners will be on display in the Agriculture Building with educational information on the art of making olive oil and its health benefits. Gold Medal, Best of Show and Best of the Valley winners will have the opportunity to have a booth in the Agriculture Building during the 2026 Big Fresno Fair.

Participants in the 2026 SJVOOC were evaluated and scored on the following criteria:

- **Gold Medal:** Awarded to an olive oil that demonstrates its type and/or varietal character, balance, structure and complexities to the highest standards. Gold Medals will be awarded to those oils receiving scores between 86 – 100 points.
- **Silver Medal:** Awarded to an olive oil reflecting the correct distribution of balance and character of its type or variety; an oil deemed to be well crafted and of excellent quality. Silver Medals will be awarded to those oils receiving scores between 76 – 85.99 points.
- **Best of Show:** Awarded to an olive oil recognized to possess special characteristics of the highest quality overall; given out in both EVOO and Flavored Olive Oil divisions. All Gold Medal winners are eligible to compete for Best of Show in their respective division.
- **Best of the Valley:** Awarded to the oil that scored the highest overall with the ranch or office located in the San Joaquin Valley across both EVOO and Flavored Olive Oil divisions. (Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties eligible).

Details and the 2027 SJVOOC entry application will be posted in February 2027.

LINK TO WINNER PHOTOS AND GRAPHICS: <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/YVoIcWZXuR>

