



National Prize for Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Via Carducci n. 23/25 - 09170 Oristano

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RULES OF PARTICIPATION **for INTERNATIONAL SINGLE SECTION** (reserved to Foreign Extra virgin olive oil Producers)

ART. 1 - COMPETITION

The Chamber of Commerce of Oristano, the Municipality of Seneghe, Laore and Agris Sardegna Agencies, in cooperation with the National Association "Città dell'Olio" and the University of Cagliari – Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita e dell'Ambiente, compose the **Montiferrù Committee**, that under the patronage of Ministry for Agriculture and the Local Department of Agriculture of Sardinian Government, , announce the **25th edition** of the **Montiferrù Prize, National Award for Extra Virgin Olive Oil** held every year in Seneghe and Oristano, according to the following scheduling:

- First session: February
- Autumnal session "Shelf Life" : September/October

Under a formal Memorandum of Understanding signed between The Montiferrù Committee and Regional Competition Committee "Olio Nuovo", is recognized at the "New Oil" Competition, the selection function for the Sardinian oil that want participate in the National Prize Montiferrù. Participation in the regional competition is NOT a prerequisite for the entry of Sardinian oils in the national competition Montiferrù Prize.

ART. 2 - ORGANIZATION

The **Montiferrù Committee**, composed by a representative for each subscriber subject, has the job to organize and coordinate all the operations about predisposition and working of the Competition.

The Committee will be supported, where necessary for the technical aspects, by the Panel Chiefs of the National Jury.

The **Secretariat functions** of the Competition and of the **Montiferrù Committee** are managed by the Chamber of Commerce of Oristano.

The **Committee** is directed by the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Oristano or by a delegate.

The **Committee** is responsible for complying with the inspiring principles of the Competition particularly in reference to the norms which implement the present Rules of Participation.

ART. 3 - AIMS

The **Montiferrù Committee** has as aims:

1. The awareness of oil producers and olive presses' holders to rationalize the production techniques to improve the oil quality and to hold the quality and preservability during the time (shelf life);
2. Incentivizing producers to pay attention to image and packaging for the product presentation in qualified markets;
3. Exploitation of the best Extra Virgin olive oils produced in Italy **or in foreign countries for the International Section**, in order to encourage knowledge and appreciation by consumers;
4. Promotion of specific brands such as the "Biological", the "PDO/PGI" and "Monocultivar" productions;
5. Territory promotion by using olive oil as an element of attraction.

ART. 4 - TARGETS AND REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATION

The **competition** is reserved to extra virgin olive oil extracted from olives cultivated and worked in Italy **or Abroad for the International Section**, with organoleptic and chemical-physical parameters according to articles 7 and 8.

Entities allowed to participate in the competition are:

- **single or associated national olive growers and producers** (associations, cooperatives and business nets) – pursuant to article 9, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4
- **foreign oil producers** - pursuant to Art. 9, Section 5
- **olive press owners (non agricultural producers)** - pursuant to article 9, Section 6 ¹

that package the product under the applicable standards for packaging and labelling of extra virgin olive oil.

¹ N.B. the olive press owners agricultural producers (it will be declared the inscription in the Register of Companies) will participate ex officio in the producers section, unless a special self-declaration certified for oil obtained from olives matches no of own production;



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The participating companies must certify their own production and marketing (packaged and labelled product) of a homogeneous batch of at least 8 hl for each sample of oil in competition through a self-certification indicating the production and all the necessary information in the label in order to identify the origin batch. The quantitative limit for the Monocultivar Section is at least equal to 4hl (Art. 9 item 3), provided that the total company production per year is at least equal to 8 hl.

ART. 5 - APPLICATION FORM

The Secretariat of the Prize sends an invitation briefing note, the Rules of Participation and the Application Form to all Italian and Foreign producers interested companies through different information channels.

All the producers who intend to participate need to fill in every part the Application Form, the Company Profile of the production and the oil in competition, which will be attached to the invitation and available at the secretariat or on the web site www.premiomontiferru.it; the documents have to be filled in and sent by email to segreteria.premiomontiferru@or.camcom.it, within the **16th of February 2018**.

Moreover the producer have to send the company logo and the oil label in good resolution digital format (JPEG or PDF) to be used for the Official Catalogue.

In order to apply for the competition, the producers have to pay a fee set to 60.00 € (IVA at 22% included) for each oil batch in competition, to be paid within the **16th of February 2018** as follows:

- Payment on postal account n. 19228097 to the Camera di Commercio, Industria, Artigianato e Agricoltura di Oristano.
- Bank transfer on Bank Account IT32 N083 6217 4000 0000 0033 000 - BIC ICRAITRRA20
- Direct payment by cash or non-negotiable cheque to Camera di Commercio di Oristano, at the office Ragioneria - Economato della Camera di Commercio (on the first floor of the office based in via Carducci 23/25, Oristano).

In case the documents submitted within the deadline are incomplete or incorrect, the Secretariat will allow the document regulation indicating a new deadline. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the competition.

ART. 6 - SAMPLES DELIVERY

The participants have to deliver **n. 6 bottles by 50 cl each one (or 12 bottles by 25 cl each one) for every oil joining the competition**, packaged for the marketing with the regular batch number of the 2016/2017 harvest. Also, is necessary send **one bottle, also empty**, for the section Best Packaging that needed a regular label.

The oil samples have to be send to the following address of the Organizational Secretariat:

Camera di Commercio Industria Artigianato Agricoltura di Oristano Via Carducci 23/25, 09170 Oristano within and not later than the 16th of February 2018.

ART. 7 - CHEMICAL AND SENSORY ANALYSIS

The oil samples that participate to the Prize will be submitted to a sensorial analysis (Panel Test) conducted by a qualified and regular Taste Commission – National Jury (Panel), composed by expert tasters with a long experience and of national renown, appointed by the Montiferru Committee, after consultation of the National Jury President. The Montiferru Committee appoints the President, two Vice-presidents of the National Jury, all the recognized Panel Chiefs and the Secretary.

The Committee itself, considering also the reports of the above mentioned Presidents, selects and appoints the Jury members on the basis of attested professionalism and certified experience, as well as the following requirements:

- being on the national list of the experienced tasters, on a regional basis;
- being regularly part of a taste Panel;
- not being Owner, Legal Representative or Delegate of companies producing oils taking part in the competition.

In order to guarantee the regularity of the Prize, the oil samples will be properly made anonymous through a secret procedure, carried out by the General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Oristano or by an official. The samples will be, then, submitted to sensory analysis conducted by the National Jury.

On the base of a minimum score indicated by the Panel Chiefs, the Committee will define the minimum excellence score (threshold) to identify the oils deserving awards.



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This resulting list will be ratified by a chemical–physical analysis conducted by a certified laboratory that will determine the values of acidity, peroxides, Uv spectrophotometry, tocopherols, polyphenols in HPLC, according to the following methodologies:

Chemical analysis	Analytical method	Unit of measure
Free fatty acids	Reg. UE 1348/2013 Allegato II	% oleic acid
Peroxide number	Reg. UE 1348/2013 Allegato III	meq O ₂ /kg
UV Spectrometry	Reg. UE 1348/2013 Allegato IX	dimensionless
biophenols in HPLC	COI/T.20/Doc. n 29/2009	mg/kg
Tocopherols in HPLC	ISO 9936:2006/Corr. 1:2008	mg/kg

Chemical parameters:

Acidity in oleic acid (% max) **0.3**; Peroxide number (meq O₂ max) **10**; K232 (max) **2.20**; Polyphenols through HPLC method (mg/kg min) **250**, Tocopherols (mg/kg min) **160**; Other parameters according to law.

For the "Hermanu" Special Prize the biophenols+tocopherols content has to exceed **500 mg/kg**.

ART. 8 - ORGANOLEPTIC PARAMETERS

The Panel members will complete an evaluation card considering the intensity of olfactory and retro-olfactory, taste and tactile sensations as well as the overall harmony and cleanness sensations.

The Secretary, assisted by the President, will guarantee all the formal aspects and the operational modalities and, at the end of the sessions, will take the minutes indicating the sensorial analysis results.

The Panel will work behind closed - doors.

In order to preserve the prestige of the Participants, the score for each sample won't be made known.

The Secretary will realize the list, processing the data of the single tasters according to the methods given by the Coordination Committee and under the supervision of the Chief Panel.

The score given by the Jury will be definitive and unappellable.

The card with the graphic results of the oil sample sensory analysis will be reported in the competition Official Catalogue published and distributed by the Committee.

ART. 9 - AWARDS AND WINNERS

The extra virgin olive oils with the best evaluation by the National Jury will be awarded for the following sections:

1. PDO/PGI Section
2. Biological Section
3. Monocultivar Section
4. Pluricultivar Section
5. International Section

The competition prizes will be assigned for each section to the **first, second and third place**.

SPECIAL AWARDS

6. Olive Press Owners Section not agricultural producers (will be assigned only one prize for section 1, 2, 3 and 4)

7. Hermanu - Dedicated to **Marco Mugelli**, highly esteemed National Jury President departed in 2011, will be assigned only to winning oils and Honour Mentions, only for autumn session and for the national and international oils with the highest antioxidants (biophenols and tocopherols).

8. Best packaging (to be assigned only to winning oils, Honour Mentions Great Mentions): quality and design-labelling balance for marketing.

Among the finalist non-winner oils, the Committee will award, on recommendation of the National Jury, **Menzioni d'onore (Honour Mentions)** and **Gran Menzioni (Great Mentions)**.

The winners proclamation will be officialised on the occasion of the prize-giving ceremony, the date will be opportunely made known in advance.

The winning companies of the first, second or third place will receive a personalized award.



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All the companies producing the final selection oil samples (Winners, Honour and Great Mentions) will be given a participation certificate indicating the prize obtained. The results will be published in the Competition Official Catalogue which will be widespread through the medium of the press and other information media.

All the companies owning the finalist oils can use the obtained prize for promotional purposes. The companies owning the winning oils can put on the packages, respecting the correct information to consumers, the mark given by the Competition Secretariat (2.000 pieces for the first place and 1.000 pieces for the second and third place). The use of awards does not entail any type of obligation or commitment with the exception of the participation conditions according to the Rules of Participation.

SHELF LIFE (preservation of the sensory and chemical characteristics over the time).

The winning oil samples and the ones receiving the Honour Mention in the February session, after a period of about eight months since the first taste, will be submitted to a new sensory analysis carried out by a regular and qualified taste Commission – National Jury (Panel), possibly composed by the same tasters of February Commission, in order to ensure the preservation of the excellence characteristics over the time. For this purpose the Committee will preserve the sealed samples in suitable environment (in the dark and at controlled temperature).

This resulting list from sensory analysis will be subject to ratification, after chemical-physical analysis conducted by a certified laboratory for virgin olive oils, preferably the same one that led the analysis at its February session, in analogy to the methods already described in the article 7.

The chemical parameters, in comparison with the February session, will be modified as follows: Acidity in oleic acid (% max) **0.3**; Peroxide number (meq O₂ max) **15**; K232 (max) **2.40**; Polyphenols through HPLC method (mg/kg min) **200**, Tocopherols (mg/kg min) **140**. Other parameters according to law. At Committee's discretion, the oils receiving the Great Mention too could be submitted to new analysis. In this case the result can only confirm or not the same award already obtained.

On the basis of the sensory and chemical analysis results, new lists will be drawn up, awarding the winners with new prizes (personalized plaques) and giving the certificates to participants who will receive a Mention (Honour Mention and Great Mention).

ART. 10 - CONTROLS

The Montiferru Committee is allowed to carry out directly or through delegates special administrative controls on the self-certifications and also through subsequent visits, aiming at ensuring the truthfulness of the winning company statements. If differences are noticed compared to the participation requirements, the Committee will make it known and possible prizes will be revoked.

ART. 11 - PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to encourage the commercial diffusion of oil production, the Montiferru Committee intends to carry out promotional activities both in Italy and abroad, by organizing missions, workshops and participating in national and international events, if this is possible.

N.B. For any disputes related to this Regulation, the Italian version shall prevail