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## GETTING EVOO VALUE



### THE OLIVE TREE SURELY IS THE RICHEST GIFT OF HEAVEN.

**Thomas Jefferson** 

6,000 years old, Naxos, Greece

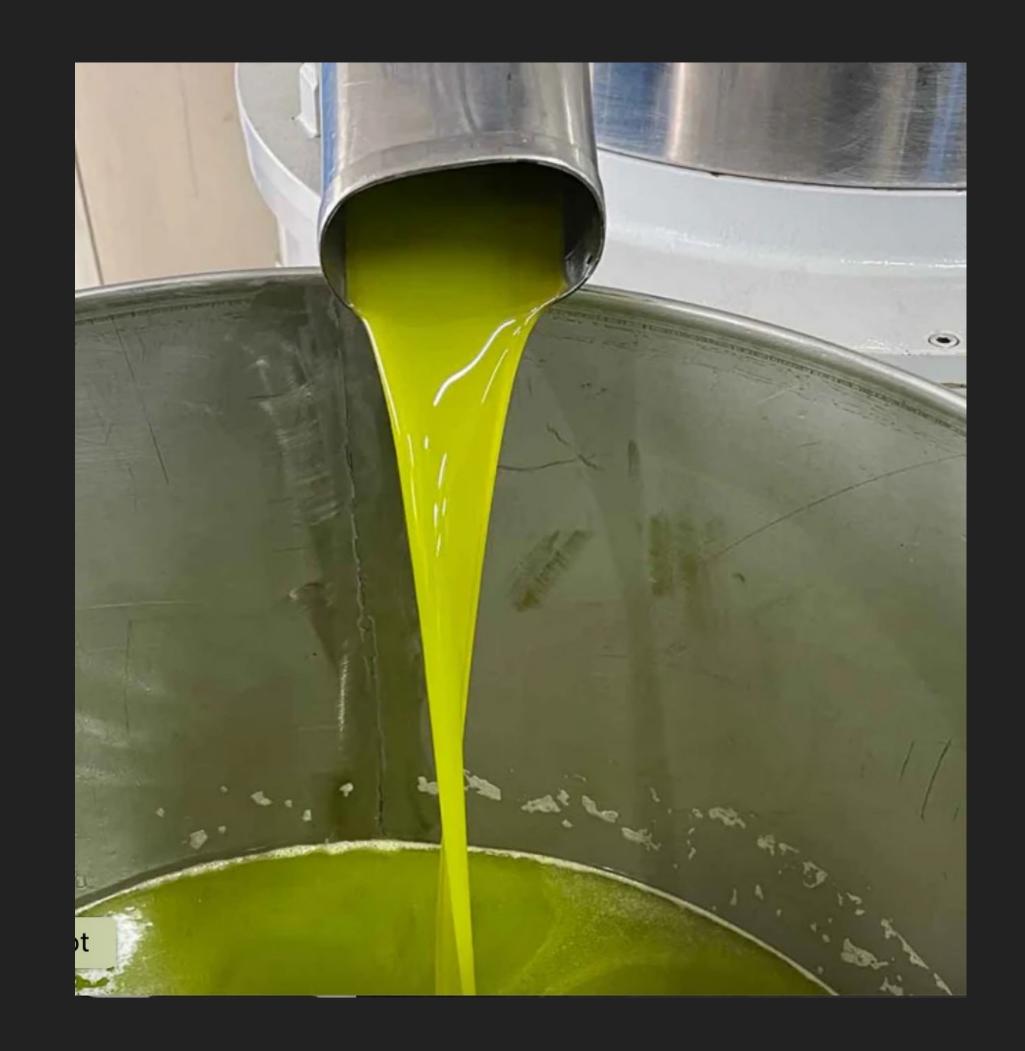






#### **EXTRA VIRGIN**

- "Extra virgin" is highest grade in the virgin category
- EVOO sensory standard: perceptible fruitiness with no off-flavors
- EVOO chemistry standards (IOC)



## Report

Evaluation of Olive Oil Sold to Restaurants and Foodservice

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Photo: Jeremy Clow

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# 9 OF 15 EVOO SAMPLES FAILED SENSORY STANDARD, 1 SAMPLE ADULTERATED.

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#### **POSITIVE FLAVOR ATTRIBUTES**

#### Fruity

- Green fruity (grassy, artichoke, arugula, green apple, green banana, tomato leaf)
- Ripe fruity (nutty, buttery, tropical, stone fruit, ripe banana)

Bitter

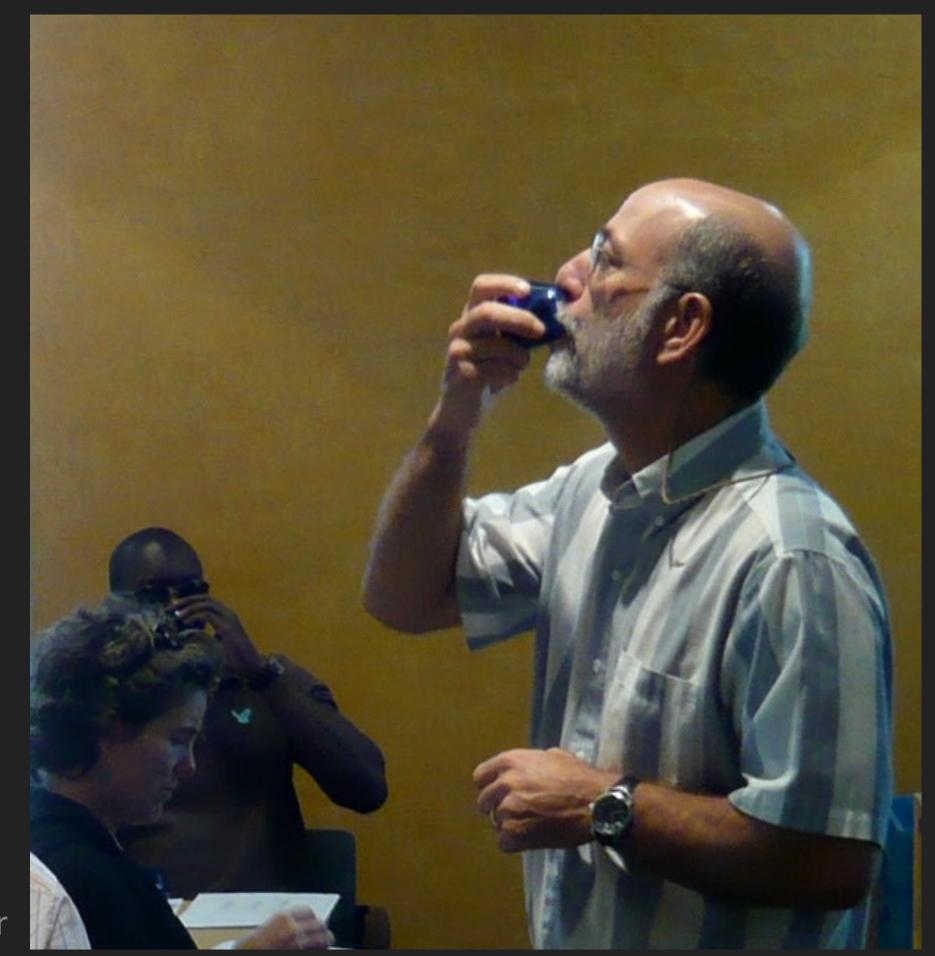
Pungent



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#### **NEGATIVE FLAVOR ATTRIBUTES**

- Oxidation
  - Rancid (old nuts, crayons, play-doh)
- Fermentation
  - Fusty/muddy sediment (dumpster/diaper)
  - Winey (vinegar, nail polish remover)



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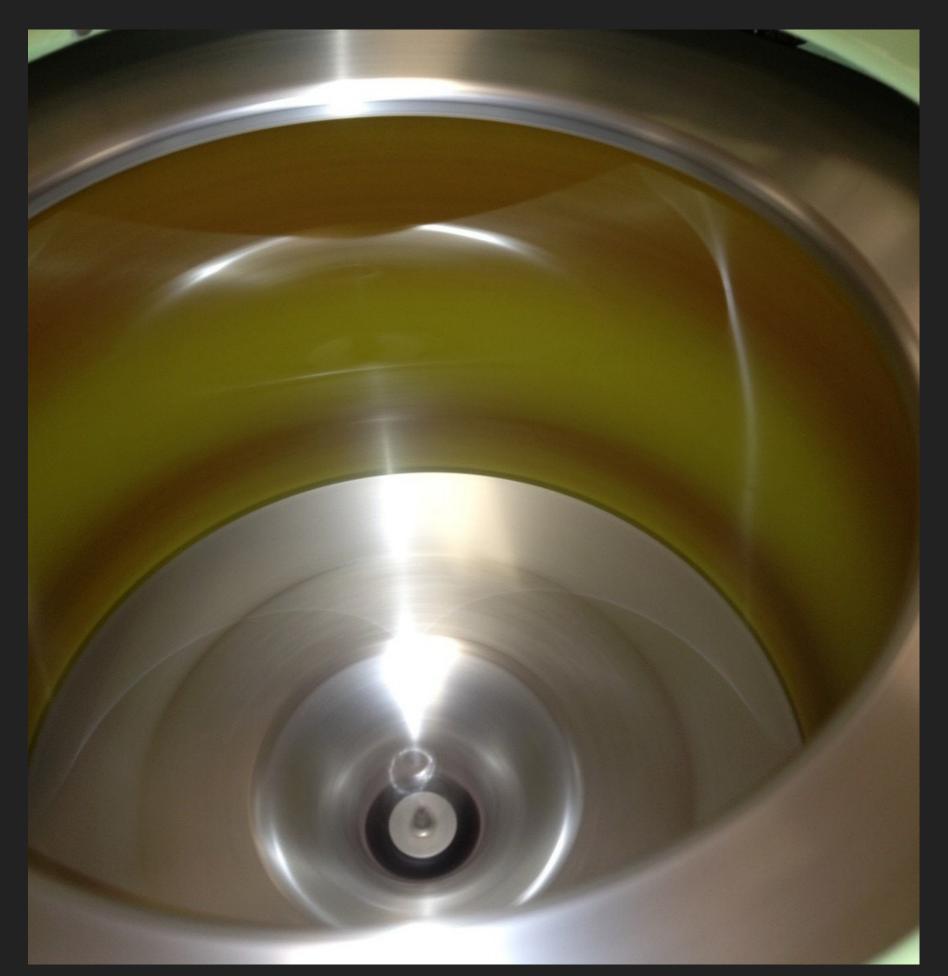
# MYTHS AND FACTS

#### LOW SMOKE POINT

- Smoke point does not predict oil performance when heated
- EVOO has high stability compared to other cooking oils
- EVOO ~400°F, VOO ~350°F

#### LABEL CLAIMS

- First cold press
- Less than 0.8% acidity
- Packed in Italy



Lab centrifuge shows bands of green olive oil



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#### HARVEST DATE

- Time is not our friend
- One harvest per year
- Best-before date not as useful



#### PROTECTIVE STORAGE

- Cooler storage = longer shelf life
- Opaque/dark container
- Bag in box is outstanding



#### **TASTE**

- Taste it straight
- Experiment in the kitchen
- Tasting at the reception

