

Richard Gawel

Richard Gawel is a long time appointee as presiding judge of most of Australasia's major olive oil competitions - Royal Adelaide (1999-present), Royal Perth (2000 – present), Royal Canberra (2001 - present), the Australian National (2000- present), and the New Zealand National (2009). He is also an invited judge at the Los Angeles International (2006-2012).extra virgin olive oil competition.

He trained and headed Australia's first International Olive Council (IOC) recognised extra virgin certification tasting panel since its inception in 1997 until 2006, and trained the current Australian taste panel that has since been accredited by the IOC.

He regularly conducts nation-wide industry seminars and workshops in basic and advanced olive oil tasting, blending, and olive oil show judging.

Lastly, Richard has authored a number of refereed scientific papers on the use and interpretation of the language used in sensory assessment, on the consistency of expert tasters in judging situations and on bitterness and pungency in olive oils.