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Title / Major: Agricultural Engineer

International Expert in Virgin Olive Oil Tasting

Occupation: Olive growing consultant and olive oil consultant

Olive oil maker

Olive oil Tasting teacher

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María Elina Buffa is Agricultural Engineer by the National University of La Plata (Argentina) and International Expert in Virgin Olive Oil Tasting by the University of Jaen (Spain).

She was panel member of the **IOOC** recognized Catholic University of Cuyo Olive Oil Sensory Panel for over 15 years.

She has been working in olive growing and olive oil production for over 20 years, areas in which she is a consultant.

Co-founder and director of the **Latinoamerican School of Tasting**, focused on educating about olive oil culture and quality, and where she teaches Olive Oil Tasting Classes.

She owns a small olive oil mill in San Juan Province, where she produces the high quality olive oil Trilogía, the first Argentinian Extra Virgin Olive Oil included in the Top Ten World's best olive oils ranking (2019-20). In 2022, Trilogía Arauco (autochthonous variety of Argentina), lead the Evooleum Top10 of Limited Production Awards.

Jury in many international olive oil competitions (Los Angeles Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition, Argoliva, Olivinus, etc), she judges in Olive Japan Competition since 2013

She has led several tasting sessions and given presentations about olive oil, both in national and international places.

She has joined the "Women in Olive Oil" Network since its creation in 2020.