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Odysseas Vlachavas is an olive oil expert based in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Although his initial academic background was not relevant to the particular field, in 2009 he decided to pursue his great aspiration, embarking upon the professional preoccupation with olive oil. Having attended numerous seminars on olive oil tasting, quality control and blending ever since, he has achieved the status of a highly acclaimed olive oil taster.

In 2012, after earning the certification Pro-Olive Oil Expert, he founded "Ellion", a commercial company that specializes in the production of high-quality olive oils and gourmet table olives derived from the renowned local cultivar "Chalikidiki". Since 2014 he has been working as a consultant for various olive production mills throughout Greece in the fields of research, assessment, olive oil mill production line design and label/packaging design.

His vast experience has enabled him to excel in the field of blending EVOOs from different cultivars, being awarded 1st finalist, Categ.: "Medium Green Fruitiness" in Mario Solinas Quality Awards competition. He has participated in various international olive oil tasting competitions as a juror, he has hosted seminars on domestic olive oils at international trade fairs (SIAL, Natural & Organic Products Europe, Detrop) and he has established a special olive oil appreciation seminar for both adults and children. Recently he has formed a collaboration with the Perrotis College "Krinos" Olive Oil Center on various international research projects.