

## **MARGARET EDWARDS**

International Olive Oil Judge and Former Panel Leader New Zealand

Following a varied career that included dietetics, lecturing at the University of Otago (part time), as well as management roles with Fisher & Paykel Ltd, The New Zealand Dairy Board and Nestlé New Zealand Ltd, Margaret retired in 2003 to concentrate on olive oil.

Margaret and her husband own a boutique olive grove on Waiheke Island where they grow and crush their olives to produce their high quality, award winning extra virgin olive oil. She is the author of numerous publications about food, nutrition and olive oil.

Having obtained her International Olive Council (IOC) Supervisors of Virgin Olive Oil Tasting Panels Certificate, in 2004 Margaret set up and led the IOC recognised New Zealand Sensory Panel for Olive Oil until it was disbanded in 2012. She is New Zealand's only international olive oil judge, a consultant to the olive industry, runs olive oil workshops and lectures nationally and internationally about New Zealand extra virgin olive oil.

### ***Olive Oil – Professional Qualifications***

1999	International Olive Council Supervisor of Virgin Olive Oil Tasting Panels Certificate
2001 - 2002	Judge, Olives New Zealand Extra Virgin Olive Oil Awards
2003 – 2008	Chairperson, Olives New Zealand Extra Virgin Olive Oil Awards Judging Panel
2004 – 2012	Leader, Olives New Zealand Sensory Tasting Panel for Olive Oil
2004 –	International Judge, Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition, Los Angeles, USA
2004 – 2006	Chairperson, Olives New Zealand Executive Technical Committee
2005:	IOC / ONAOO International Update Course for Panel Supervisors of Virgin Olive Oil Tasters
2006 – 2008	Vice President, Olives New Zealand Executive
2008	Guest Lecturer, Expoliva, Jaen, Spain
2011 –	International Judge, Royal Melbourne Show Olive Oil Competition (Melbourne)
2013 –	International Judge, Olive Japan International Olive Oil Competition (Tokyo)

OLIVE JAPAN judge since 2013