

MARIA ELINA BUFFA

- Graduated as an Agricultural Engineer, in 1995 (Universidad Nacional de La Plata - Argentina).
- International Expert in Virgin Olive Oil Tasting, University of Jaen, Spain.
- Private consultant in olive production and olive oil
- Artisan Olive oil maker, owner of a small olive oil mill
- Since 2000, member of the UC Cuyo Olive Oil Taste Panel (San Juan-Argentina), recognized by the International Olive Oil Council.
- Coordinates the activities of San Juan Olive CREA Group, that involves 8 olive companies, with a cultivated area with olives of about 3.000 hectares in San Juan province (20 % of the total area with olives in the province) and 1 modern mill. The group stands for Regional Consortiums of Agricultural Experimentation (AACREA – www.redcrea.com.ar)
- Member of the Organization Committee of the VII International Symposium on Olive Growing, Argentina 2012
- Member of jury of “Los Angeles International Extra Virgin Olive Oil Competition – Northern Hemisphere”, USA, 2012.
- Member of jury of the 1st and 2nd “International Olive Oil Competition Domingo Faustino Sarmiento - ArgOliva”, Argentina, 2011-2012.
- Member of the National Jury for the Sensory Evaluation of Argentinian Olive Oils. 2003-2007-2008
- Since 2008 to 2010, agricultural manager of Las Lagunas Nursery, a nursery of 1.000.000 olive plants/year, in San Juan, Argentina.
- Since 1997 to 2005, agricultural manager of Manantial de Cuyo SA, an olive grove of 1.000 hectáreas in San Juan, Argentina

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