



# Awards the 2009

**Fleurieu Peninsula Food's Fiesta! Olive Awards** celebrate the region's premium olives and oils. A regional competition seeking local varietal characters in extra virgin olive oils and table olives.

And the Winners are.... **Hugo** wins **Best of Show Olive Oil** (again!) for their premium extra virgin olive oil, pressed from one of McLaren Vale's oldest varieties, Verdale.

**Brians Gourmet Olives** took out **Best of Show Table Olives**, this year for Brian's Olivemite, a delicious olive paste.

**Awards Designer and Chief Judge Zannie Flanagan** says the awards recognise and promote our local food culture: *"the distinctive local food culture that has grown out of the region's physical and human attributes and activities is what gives our region its unique Fleurieu flavour."*

**David Swain of Fino Restaurant** is a passionate chef that champions the use of our local quality olive oils, in 2009 he joined the judging panel and says: *"The line up of oils were of good to high quality across the board with two standout oils that received **gold medals** – **Hugo** and **Diana Extra Virgin of McLaren Vale**"*

**Farmers Markets** celebrate regional flavour presenting Punters' Pick! At both Willunga Farmers Market and Victor Harbor Farmers Market the people's choice went to **Maggie Gully Olives** extra virgin olive oil pressed from the Manzanillo variety.

The winners were announced at the Awards ceremony held at Producers of McLaren Vale on Saturday 7 November 2009. Guests enjoyed a showcase of the finest Fleurieu oils and table olives along with Mediterranean dishes featuring Farmers Market ingredients. **Chair of Fleurieu Peninsula Food Rachel McMillan** says:

“Since 2004, every October we hold Fiesta! celebrations around the release of the region's New Seasons' Extra Virgin Olive Oils and our local food. This year's Olive Awards were a great showcase of high quality olive oils.”

For the full list of Awards winners and more on upcoming events for food on the Fleurieu visit [www.fleurieufood.com.au](http://www.fleurieufood.com.au)

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