

Food show runs on the smell of a - gold medal-winning - espresso

The results are in, and Australia's love affair with coffee and olive oil is made clear with both products showcasing the best of Australian produce at the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show. This year both categories celebrate a decade in existence at the show, helping to cement Australia's reputation as producers of world-class olive oil and coffee.

In the coffee category, boutique roasters Velluto Nero proved their designer blend was a favourite among judges in the espresso class, taking out the gold medal for overall favourite blend. The best coffee for making cappuccinos was voted to be the Ethiopian Sidamo blend by West Australian firm, Biobean Coffee.

Turning to olive oils, it was a stellar showing with many of the unpublicised southern states going for gold. In fact, gold medals were awarded to Pendleton Estate and Coonalpyn olives respectively. Both hail from South Australia. "It's gratifying to see consistency coming from the producers. It's also interesting to note the pre-eminence of these southern states," says the show's food chair Lyndey Milan.

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