

Benedetta Lami
South Africa

Benedetta grew up in Tuscany (Italy) amongst the olive groves, and was taught to appreciate good olive oil since a very young age.

Professional olive oil taster since 2007 (I.O.O.C method, Dr. Luciano Scarselli) , she is a member of the official SA OLIVE Panel since 2009 and consistently takes part in the tastings for certification of extra-virgin olive oil.

She has regularly been on the Tasting Panel for the SA OLIVE AWARDS and for the ABSA TOP 5 and TOP 10 competitions, as well as on the SOL D'ORO Southern Hemisphere Panel for the Cape Town 2015 and 2018 and the Melbourne 2016 competitions. Since 2002 has been organizing and tasting in the MARCO ZICHELLA AWARD, a competition in memory of her late father.

In January 2018 she became an ASSOCIATE of the prestigious REGISTER of the EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL SAVANTES after successfully completing a challenging test.

In her words:

“I grew up in Tuscany amongst the olive groves, and was taught to appreciate olive oil before learning how to ride a bike!”

“This is an Industry of lovely people where I have made a number of friends who are sharing a common passion : olive oil!”