

# Olive Oil Times



Ismail Sahin

## Turkey joins the 2025 winners' circle

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[Zagoda Olive Oil](#) marked a significant milestone for Turkish producers at the 2025 NYIOOC World Olive Oil Competition, securing two Gold and one Silver award for its Ayvalik, Trilye, and Arbequina extra virgin oils.

Founder Ismail Sahin, upon receiving the awards, emphasized the organic and refined quality of his olive oil, viewing it as a “form of resistance and objection” to the modern world. He added, “Nietzsche said, ‘We have art so that we shall not die of reality’, so we will proudly continue to produce Zagoda Olive Oil as an art.”