

## **2008 Hunter Valley Olive Show**

### **Show Report**

The Association successfully ran the 2008 Hunter Valley Olive Show in September. There was a slight increase in exhibits to 138 although the number of exhibitors and extra virgin olive oil entries were down on 2007 numbers.

A total of fourteen judges assisted with the judging at Singleton on the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Trophy and award winners were announced at the Presentation night held at Adina Vineyard on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. Awards were won by 89 of the exhibits.

The Hunter Olive Centre Trophy for The Best Commercial Oil of Show was awarded to Mannin Grove of Coonabarabran. The Commonwealth Bank Local Business Banking Trophy for The Best Commercial Oil of Show from Hunter Valley Fruit was awarded to Pukara Estate. The Olive Centre Trophy for The Best Commercial Table Olive of Show went to The Hunter Olive Centre.

The Show was again sponsored this year by The Hunter Olive Centre, Plasdene Glass-Pak and The Olive Centre, along with new sponsors The Commonwealth Bank Local Business Banking, Hunter Irrigation and Water Solutions, The Sebel Kirkton Park and Clear Images Labels. Ryan Publications also supported the Show.

Show exhibits were presented to the general public for tasting during The Feast of the Olive at a stall set up at The Hunter Olive Centre and manned by Association members.

The Show organiser would like to thank exhibitors, sponsors and members who assisted with the running of the Show.