

I'm an olive oil connoisseur — these are the best bottles to buy

EVOO can be used in everything from cocktails to cakes, but the quality of your oil really matters



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We all know coffee geeks, wine snobs and chocolate connoisseurs — now it's the time of the olive oil nerd. And I am one.



Premium oils include The Governor, Oliveology, Elanthy, Fattoria and Honest Toil

Fattoria La Vialla 'La Vialla' 2025, £17.55, 750ml

In my opinion this brand is the Goat. It's a small, organic second-generation farm and agriturismo run by three brothers. Every year the EVOO they produce is full of flavour and aroma, instantly transporting you to the lush, rolling hills of Tuscany. The oil is intense, beautifully bitter, a little spicy and velvety smooth, with a tickle at the back of the throat that signals high polyphenol levels (lavialla.com).

Honest Toil Extra Virgin Olive Oil £25.11