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Stella Cadente Olive Oil Company Takes 2008 sofi™ Gold, Outstanding Oil

On the heels of the 2008 NASFT sofi™ Awards Ceremony at the 54th Summer Fancy Food Show in New York, Stella Cadente Olive Oil Company is proud to announce that their 2008 Basil Olive Oil was awarded the 2008 sofi™ Gold for Outstanding Oil. The awards were presented by noted chef and cookbook author Jacques Pépin during a ceremony at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City. The sofi™ awards recognize excellence in specialty foods and beverages in 32 categories, and are considered a coveted industry honor. Over 2000 entrants were narrowed down to 150 Silver Finalists earlier in the spring, and from these finalists, the Gold Award winners were chosen.

Stella Cadente's artisan Northern California olive oils continue to win accolades for their distinctive flavors and their superb quality. The flavored crush oils are produced by milling the flavoring ingredient with the olives at pressing; a process that results, in this case, in a notable balance between the flavors of the fresh basil and the flavor of the newly harvested olives. The product family includes the traditional Tuscan-style L'Autunno Blend Extra Virgin Olive Oil, three citrus crush oils (Meyer Lemon, Blood Orange and Persian Lime), the Basil, and their newest release, Rosemary.

Though recipients of numerous top awards and honors for their artisan olive oils over the last six years, Stella Cadente's story is about the farmers, since the work of their hands brings the goodness of the land to our tables. Stella Cadente uses only olives grown and processed in Northern California, supporting the tradition of the family farms that feed us all. The oils are produced the old-fashioned way; farmed locally and sustainably, hand-picked and crushed the same day. Stella Cadente's oils are available from select retailers nationwide, and from the website at www.stellacadente.com.