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Olive oil: How is it produced? (Infographic)

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Olive oil is enjoyed by many around the world. It is rich in monounsaturated fat, vitamin E and <u>polyphenols</u>. As the name suggests olive oil is produced from the olive fruit of the Olea europaea tree. There are hundreds of varieties of olive trees, many are grown in specific regions of the world. Much like wine, each olive variety will produce an oil with a unique flavour and aroma. Olive oil is produced in many parts of the world, with Europe accounting for approximately 70% of the world's olive oil production. Olive oil can be sold in four different categories; extra virgin, virgin, olive oil composed of refined olive oils and virgin olive oils and olive pomace oil. This infographic provides an overview of how olives go from a fruit to the delicious oil used all around the world.

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