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Castillo de Canena XXI Century Oils First Early Royal, £8.50 (250ml)

The venerable Spanish olive variety Royal was almost dying out when Castillo de Canena decided to reinvigorate it, replanting trees from the Andalucian hills on their picturesque estate. Picked early in the season, the Royal olives produce a vibrant oil that makes for a very distinguished dipping session. It could be that the bottle's prominently displayed tasting notes ("fresh grass, banana, artichoke") are leading, but First Early Royal does have strangely likeable overtones of green banana, and a lovely grassy freshness shown off to its best advantage with chunks of well-seasoned sourdough