

# Ostrica di montagna



#### Source

• Piemonte

## Type of milk

• Cow

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Available with spices or with rosemary and sabory



## **Organoleptic characteristics**

**Aspect and texture:** soft, well blended, ivory-yellow paste with a scattering of holes. The rind is coated with a blend of chopped alpine herbs and black pepper

**Taste:** intense and rich with traces of the herbs coating the rind **Serving suggestions:** full bodied, youngish, red wines. Grape chutney. Baguette type bread

## **Technical characteristics**

Milk: full fat, raw, cow's milk Production method: artisan Paste: uncooked, not pressed

**Salting:** dry

**Ripening:** at least one month

**Production period:** throughout the year

**Fats:** 45% F-Dm

Weight: 0.3 - 0.5 kg each

**Dimensions:** 10-20 cm diameter

**Producers:** dairy working in Cusio-Lago d'Orta

Whole cheese code: 6200010-6200013

Cutted cheese code: n.d.