

# Incanestrato di Campo Imperatore



## Source

- Abruzzo

## Type of milk

- Sheep

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## Organoleptic characteristics

**Aspect and texture:** hard, compact and grainy, yellow paste

**Taste:** intense, flavourful and piquant

**Serving suggestions:** full bodied, aged, red wines. Thousand flower honey. Hot pear and quince chutney. Fresh broad beans and figs.

Homemade bread, pasta without tomato sauces.



Allevatore di Formaggi

#### **Technical characteristics**

**Milk:** full fat, raw, sheep's cheese

**Production method:** artisan and alpine pasture

**Paste:** pressed

**Salting:** dry

**Ripening:** at least two months

**Production period:** throughout the year, summer alpine pasture

**Fats:** 40% F-Dm

**Weight:** 3-4 kg each

**Dimensions:** 0-25 cm diameter, h. 10-15 cm

**Producers:** dairies from the central Abruzzo area

**Whole cheese code:** n.d.

**Cutted cheese code:** n.d.