

# **Canestrato Lucano**



## Source

• Basilicata

# Type of milk

- Goat
- Sheep

Moliterno is, above all, an area where the cheeses produced higher up the mountains are brought together and ripened in the mountain valleys of the Agri River. Moliterno Sheep's cheese (or 'Incanestrato' due to the fact that the cheese forms are put to dry in baskets -canestri) has the exclusive characteristic of being produced by adding a small amount of goat's milk to that of the sheep, giving it a very distinctive taste. This classical cheese form Basilicata region is produced higher up the mountains are brought together and ripened in the mountain valleys of the Agri River. Canestrato Lucano cheese (or 'Incanestrato' due to the fact that the cheese forms are put to dry in baskets -canestri in Italian) has the exclusive characteristic of being produced by adding a small amount of goat's milk to that of the sheep, giving it a very distinctive taste.

The milk used can be only sheep, according to the period of the year during which the sheep's production is in majority.

#### **Organoleptic characteristics**

Aspect and texture: compact, hard, more or less intense yellow paste according to the ripening periodTaste: intense, flavourful and distinctiveServing suggestions: Red wines. Aromatic honey. Hot pear or quince

chutney. Pasta without tomato sauces, homemade bread



## **Technical characteristics**

Milk: full fat, raw, sheep and goat's milk Production method: artisanal Paste: pressed Salting: dry Ripening: at least sixty days Production period: annual Fats: 40% F-Dm Weight: 3-5 kg Dimensions: 20-25 cm diameter, h. 10-15 cm Producers: dairies from the Agri valley Whole cheese code: n.d. Cutted cheese code: n.d.