

# **Provolone Mandarone Vernengo +36 months**



## Source

- Emilia Romagna
- Lombardia
- Trentino-Alto Adige
- Veneto

## Type of milk

• Cow

Provolone is a stringy paste cheese typical of southern Italy which was introduced to Lombardy in the first half of the eighteenth century by Neapolitan cheese makers. Today, it is considered a traditional product of Lombardy, Emilia, the Veneto and the Trento area. It is a cheese produced in a great variety of formats. The largest, most suitable for a long ripening period are called 'mandarone' (large tangerine), due to their similarity of form to the fruit, and 'pancettone' (large 'pancetta' – a kind of salume) whose weight in excess of 100 kilos is the largest existing cheese both in Italy and, possibly, the rest of the world. It can also be eaten fresh but its most interesting features develop after a long (more than one year) ripening in an appropriate environment.

### **Organoleptic characteristics**

**Aspect and texture:** the ripened forms have a hard, elastic paste of an intense yellow

**Taste:** the ripened forms are very flavourful, piquant with aromas developed during the ripening period

**Serving suggestions:** full bodied, aged, red wines. Hot fruit chutney, hot quince preserve. Homemade bread and flat breads

### **Technical characteristics**

**Milk:** full fat, pasteurised, cow's milk **Production method:** artisan and industrial



Paste: stringy Salting: in brine Ripening: at least one month Production period: throughout the year Fats: 44% F-Dm Weight: 0.5 to 100 kg Dimensions: variable Producers: cheese makers in Valpadana area Whole cheese code: 1113610 Cutted cheese code: n.d.