



## STILTON WHOLE

A truly exceptional example of one of England's most famous cheeses, combining a herby tang and rich creaminess.

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Type of Milk:	Cow	Pasteurisation:	Pasteurised
Vegetarian:	No	Country:	Made In England
Region:	Nottinghamshire	Organic:	No
Flavour:	Herby and rich	Accreditation:	PDO
Weight:	7.2kg	Rec. Drink:	Paxton's Vintage Port

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## Commentary

Such was the popularity of Stilton that others in the area started to produce cheeses similar in style and in 1910, the producers had the foresight to lay down methods to protect where the cheese could be made and its nature. The controls still exist today in the form of a Protected Designation of Origin (PDO). Amongst other things, this PDO specifies that the cheese has to be made with pasteurised milk within the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. Paxton & Whitfield Stilton is made by Cropwell Bishop in Nottinghamshire and comprises cheeses that have been graded and chosen to meet the flavour and texture profiles specified by us.

The milk used to make Stilton is a blend of morning and evening milk to which starter culture, rennet and blue mould culture is added. Once curds have formed, the whey is drained and the curds are hand ladled from the vat to the 'table' where they settle overnight. The following day, the curds are milled, salted and transferred by hand into cylindrical moulds. After a week when the cheeses have started to develop, they are taken out of the moulds and the rind is smoothed down. They remain in the ripening room for a further 4 weeks before they are pierced with stainless steel needles to encourage air to reach the interior of the cheese to spread the growth of the characteristic blue veining. Paxton & Whitfield cheese is then matured to approximately twelve weeks before making its way to our shops to be sold.

A young Stilton has a crumbly texture, high acidity and a soapy taste. As it matures, the texture becomes creamier and the flavour more mellow, with a buttery richness that melts in the mouth. Stilton in prime condition has a grey, wrinkly crust and the inside should be creamy yellow with an even spread of blue-green veins. The strength of the flavour should not be overpowering, but have a pleasant, herby tang.

Cropwell Bishop Stilton achieved super gold in the 2013 World Cheese Awards.

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## Technical Specification

Ingredients:	Cows' Milk, Salt, Rennet, Dairy Cultures (Milk).
Allergens:	Milk
Storage:	Keep refrigerated.
Instructions for use:	Serve at room temperature.
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