

Walker's

Wine and Dine Series: Flavors of Italy

CURATED CHEESE BOX AND SHOPPING LIST

Each curated Flavors of Italy box will contain the following selections of cheeses and accompaniments. If you did not order a box to be shipped directly to you, not to worry! Below you will find the cheeses included in the box, along with recommended substitutions as well as what to avoid buying.



CHEESES

Robiola Bosina - Cow's and sheep's milk. Piedmont.

Look for: Any "Robiola" – preferably made with more than one milk.

Pecorino Toscano Fresco - Sheep's milk. Tuscany.

Look for: Hard to sub this one. It's more like a firm mozzarella than anything else. It's a fresh sheep's milk cheese that's pliable and young.

BiancoSardo® - Sheep's milk. Sardinia.

Look for: Aged (6+ months) pecorino. Fiore Sardo.

Avoid: Pecorino Romano (not because it isn't delicious in its own right but because it's very different).

Quadrello di Bufala - Buffalo's milk. Lombardy.

Look for: Another buffalo milk cheese won't work. Try Taleggio or Brescianella Stagionata for a similar style.

Parmigiano Reggiano - Cow's milk. Emilia-Romagna & Lombardy. (Affineur = Cravero.)

Look for: You'll find Parmigiano Reggiano. Not Cravero's, perhaps, but if you can get it freshly cut – great. If not, go for freshly cut Grana Padano.

For fun: Get an extra cheese for comparison: a domestic version of Parmigiano Reggiano, most often called "Parmesan" or Belgioioso's "American Grana."



ACCOMPANIMENTS

Fig Jam - Very Mediterranean, very good with most cheeses.

Rosemary & Sea Salt Cashews - We'll see!

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT SUGGESTIONS (ESPECIALLY IF MAKING THIS FOR DINNER):

Fresh ciabatta and/or focaccia and/or plain crackers; seedless grapes (to cleanse the palate); ripe pear slices; unsalted, unroasted almonds; sliced Prosciutto, Cacciatore, Bresaola, Coppa and/or Speck Alto Adige; water – without ice, sparkling or still.



SUGGESTED BEVERAGES

Bubbly: Prosecco; white wine: Trebbiano, Verdicchio or Vermentino; red wine: Dolcetto, Nebbiolo or Sangiovese; beer: Peroni or lighter, less hoppy beers; non-alcoholic: apple cider or juice, pear cider or juice; on the sweeter side: Vin Santo (dessert wine) or Moscato.