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VALUE FOR MONEY MATURE CHEDDAR CHEESE



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This week, Value for Money tests five varieties of mature cheddar cheese.

Mount Callan Cheddar

€12.93 for 470g, €27.50 per kg

Highs : Blessed are the cheesemakers – one of the nicest things about this cheese was the actual buying of it. We found it in Sheridans Cheesemongers on Dublin's South Anne Street, a shop that we'd be happy to spend an afternoon in savouring the intoxicating smells from Europe. It is also filled with all manner of intoxicating ways to spend money. This Clare cheddar must rank with the best of the cheeses Sheridan's has – it is certainly the best we reviewed on this occasion. It is very strong and full of flavours that linger long on the palate. It really is in a league of its own.

Lows : It is also in a price league of its own compared to the other products tried and is the kind of cheese that you'd have to eat on its own, as it might be wasted on a simple sandwich.

Verdict : Pricey but still the best

Star rating: * * * * *