



Albanian Traditional Products Registered Under Quality Schemes







Drishti Onion

Geographical Indication (GI)



Drishti Onion (*Allium cepa L.*) is an indigenous variety known throughout Albania, cultivated for over 200 years in the Drisht area and registered in the National Inventory of Genetic Resources. It is preferred for its rich chemical composition, intensive sunlight exposure, and high-quality production, being primarily cultivated in a round-bulb form using the traditional qepujkë technique.

A black and white line drawing of a glass bottle with a handle and a stopper, surrounded by olive branches and olives. The bottle is the central focus, with the text 'Valmi Oil, Elbasan' overlaid on it. The background is a solid green color.

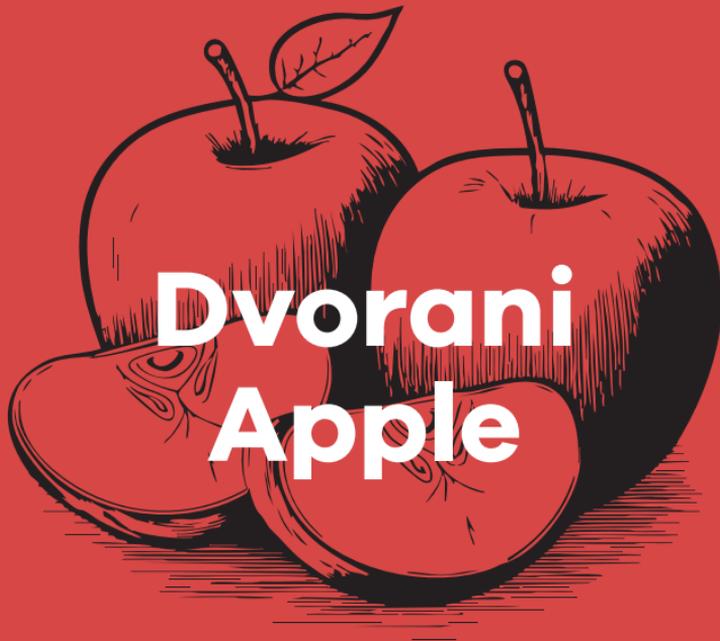
Valmi Oil, Elbasan

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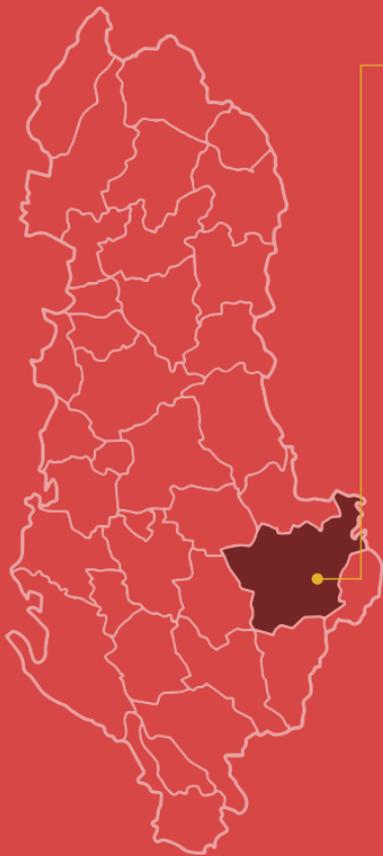


Valmi Olive Oil, Elbasan

refers to extra virgin olive oil produced in the Elbasan area, where around 1,550,000 olive trees are cultivated over a surface of 6,200 hectares. This oil is distinguished by its unique organoleptic characteristics, with a golden yellow color, slight green hues, and a rich aroma with notes of freshly cut grass, tomato, mint, and rosemary, while its taste offers a balanced mix of almond sweetness and mild spiciness.



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Dvorani Apple refers to apples traditionally cultivated in the Dvorani area for over 60 years, particularly the *Golden Delicious*, *Red Delicious (Red Chief and Starking)*, *Fuji*, *Granny Smith*, and *Gala* varieties, which are highly sought after for their quality and unique taste. These apples are characterized by firm flesh, a balanced sweetness-acidity ratio, and long shelf life, while their cultivation follows traditional techniques to ensure a high-quality product known historically by consumers.



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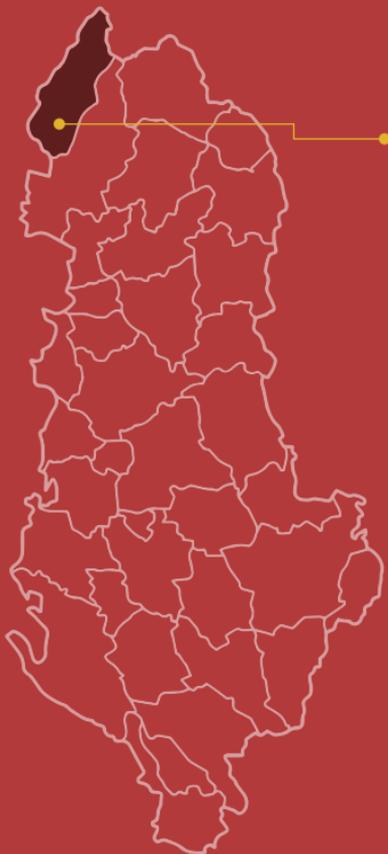


Puka Mushroom refers to wild mushrooms of the *Boletus* genus, particularly *Boletus edulis* (Porcini), which grow spontaneously in Puka's rich forests above 700 meters in altitude and are handpicked during the autumn season. These mushrooms are distinguished by their intense aroma, mild hazelnut-like flavor, and are best preserved through controlled drying to maintain their nutritional properties.

A stylized illustration of chestnuts in shades of brown and tan, set against a dark brown background. The chestnuts are arranged in a cluster, with some showing their characteristic pointed shape and others showing their smooth, rounded forms. The illustration uses fine lines and shading to create texture and depth.

Chestnut of Malësia e Madhe

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Chestnut of Malësia e Madhe is a product with a long-standing reputation, naturally cultivated for over a century in the **545-hectare chestnut forest of Reç**, which serves as both a national natural asset and an economic base for the local community. With an annual production of 500-600 tons, these chestnuts are known for their quality and diversity, and the international registration process with **WIPO** has recently begun.

A black and white line drawing of a spoon lifting a thick, stretchy portion of melted cheese from a bowl. The cheese is dripping with liquid, and the spoon is positioned above the bowl. The background is a solid teal color.

Boiled Cheese, Veleçik

Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG)

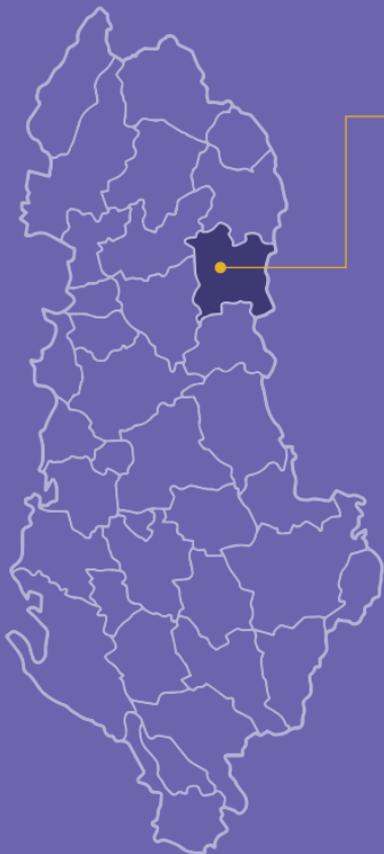


Boiled Cheese, Veleçik is a traditional Northern Albanian product, prepared from cow, sheep, or goat milk following a **30-year-old** method, distinguished by its **elastic texture and slightly tangy flavor**. This cheese is cooked rather than consumed fresh, following a unique cooking tradition passed down through generations.



Dried Plum of Shumbat

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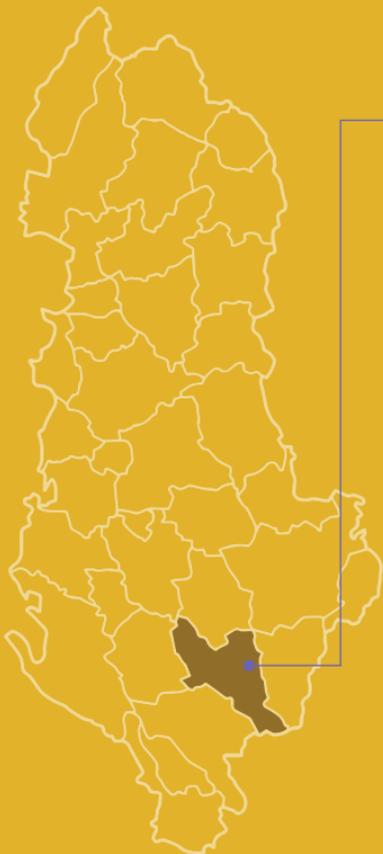


Dried Plum of Shumbat is a **traditional Dibra product**, derived from **Tropoja plum**, which has adapted to this region and is highly suitable for drying due to its size, consistency, and **long-lasting aroma**. The drying process, maintained since before the 1990s, has been improved with modern methods while preserving the fruit's quality and nutritional values.

A black and white line drawing on a yellow background. A honey dipper is tilted, pouring a thick stream of honey into a small bowl. A small bee is flying to the right of the dipper. The text 'Bedunica Honey' is overlaid in white.

Bedunica Honey

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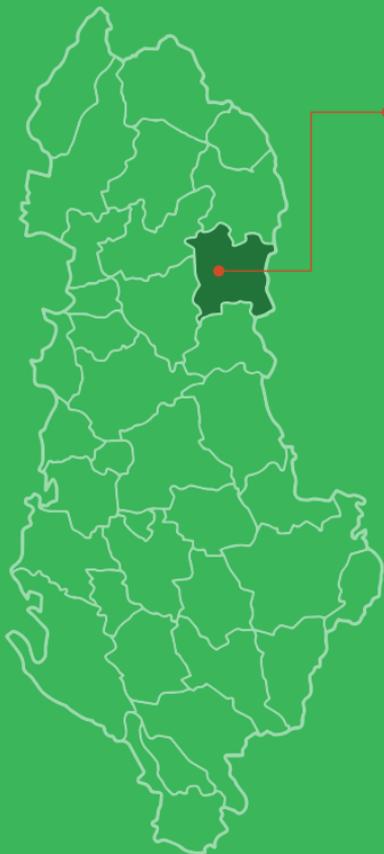


Bedunica Honey is a **rare monofloral honey**, traditionally produced in the mountainous **Frashëri area** and the **Hotova Fir National Park**, where bees collect nectar from the Bedunica flower (*Stachelina uniflosculosa*) at altitudes of **1000-1500 meters**. This honey is known for its **unique aroma and flavor**, is hand-harvested, and processed using traditional methods to preserve its purity and nutritional value.



Bjeshkët e Runjës **Goat Cheese**

Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG)



Goat Cheese of Runja Highlands is made from the **fresh milk of the Bulac goat**, an indigenous breed adapted to natural pastures, maintaining a **100-year-old tradition** of dairy processing. This cheese is **seasonally produced from May to October**, distinguished by its **characteristic mountain milk aroma**, homogeneous white color, and traditional production methods.

Walnuts Preserve of Përmet



Traditional Speciality Guaranteed (TSG)



Walnut Preserve (Glikoja e Arrës) is a **traditional Përmet dessert**, produced for **150 years** from unripe walnuts and sugar syrup, reflecting the region's hospitality and culture. The preparation follows traditional methods, where the fruits retain their shape, develop a **gelatinous texture**, and are flavored with **barbaroza** (lemon verbena), making it one of the most sought-after local products in the region.



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