

McVitie's Victoria Classic Biscuit Selection: How to Serve It

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McVitie's Victoria Classic Biscuit Selection: How to Serve It, in summary: Built on contrast, this 245g box mixes plain, crisp, filled and coated biscuits meant to be eaten in turn. Serve plain before coated, rotate so the favourites last, and pour a straightforward pot of black tea.

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A classic British selection is designed around contrast rather than sheer variety, and the Victoria box follows that pattern. The enjoyment comes from moving from one texture to the next, which is why how you serve it matters as much as what is in it.

What the ingredient list reveals

The exact varieties and their proportions are printed on the box, but the ingredient list sketches the range. Milk [chocolate](#) makes up 15% of the whole, and alongside it sit a white chocolate flavour coating, dark chocolate, dark chocolate flavour chips, rolled oats, wholemeal wheat flour, barley malt extract and a natural orange flavouring. That spread points to coated, chip and oat [biscuits](#) sharing the box.

The published allergen statement lists wheat, barley and oats (gluten), milk and soya, so this is not a box for a gluten-free or dairy-free household. The barley comes from barley malt extract, an easy one to overlook. The palm oil in it is marked on the label as certified sustainable.

Who a 245g box is for

It suits a couple over several afternoons, or a handful of guests in a single sitting, rather than a family's weekly tin. Where people go wrong is the size: bought for a busy household, the best varieties vanish first and what is left is no longer the box you chose. Think of it as the tin kept for visitors, with the everyday digestives left by the kettle.

Set beside the rest of the McVitie's range we stock, the selection is the opposite of a single-idea pack. A packet of dark chocolate digestives does one thing well, again and again; the Victoria box is about rotation,

with each biscuit setting up the next. That makes it better for a table of guests than for someone who already knows exactly what they want.

Serving order, rotation and the pot

Within one sitting, start with the plainest biscuit and finish with the coated ones. Chocolate leaves a film on the palate that does not clear by itself, and a plain one straight after it barely registers. Across the life of the box, take a different variety each round rather than working through your favourite first, or the tin stops being a selection by the second afternoon.

The rich character running through the box wants a plain afternoon pot; smoky teas fight it, and a heavily perfumed one crowds it. A [Darjeeling](#), an ordinary [black tea](#) brewed to everyday strength or a [redbush](#) later on lets the textures lead, and a light [Earl Grey](#) is as far as we would go. Keep the box away from ground coffee and spice jars too, since a fat-rich selection picks up nearby smells readily. A few sharp eating apples on the side make a good foil.

The packs we stock

- [McVitie's Victoria Our Classic Biscuit Selection, 245g](#) (barcode 5000168015620)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for McVitie's Victoria Our Classic Biscuit Selection, 245g says it contains wheat, barley and oats (gluten), milk and soya. Check the current UK pack before purchase; formulations and allergen advice can change.

Ingredients, as published: Flour (Wheat Flour, Calcium, Niacin, Iron, Folic Acid, Thiamin), Palm Oil (Certified Sustainable), Milk Chocolate (15%) [Sugar, Cocoa Butter, Dried Skimmed Milk, Cocoa Mass, Dried Whey (Milk), Butter Oil (Milk), Vegetable Fats (Palm (Certified Sustainable), Shea), Emulsifiers (Soya Lecithin, E476), Natural Flavouring], Sugar, Rolled Oats, Wholemeal Wheat Flour, White Chocolate Flavour Coating (5%) [Sugar, Vegetable Oils (Palm (Certified Sustainable), Shea, Sal), Dried Skimmed Milk, Dried Whole Milk, Emulsifier (Soya Lecithin), Natural Vanilla Flavouring], Dark Chocolate (2%) [Sugar, Cocoa Mass, Vegetable Fats (Palm (Certified Sustainable), Shea), Cocoa Butter, Butter Oil (Milk), Emulsifiers (Soya Lecithin, E476), Natural Flavouring], Dark Chocolate Flavour Chips [Sugar, Cocoa Mass, Palm Fat (Certified Sustainable), Fat Reduced Cocoa Powder, Cocoa Butter, Dextrose, Emulsifiers (Sunflower Lecithin, Soya Lecithin)], Fat Reduced Cocoa Powder, Invert Sugar Syrup, Raising Agents (Sodium Bicarbonate, Ammonium Bicarbonate, Malic Acid), Glucose Fructose Syrup, Dried Whey (Milk), Maltodextrin, Salt, Lactose (Milk), Dried Skimmed Milk, Barley Malt Extract, Natural Flavourings, Acid (Citric Acid), Natural Orange Flavouring, Colour (Carotenes).

Typical values per 100g Per 100g

Energy	502 kcal
Fat	24.7g
of which saturates	13.1g
Carbohydrate	61.4g

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of which sugars	31.9g
Fibre	3.6g
Protein	6.5g
Salt	0.80g

Ingredient and nutrition information for this product, as published on the manufacturer's label. The pack in your hands is the final word.

What to drink with it

- [Twinings Darjeeling Tea \(International Blend\), 25 Tea Bags 50g](#): a Darjeeling, light and brisk, that lets each biscuit in the box speak in turn.
- [Tetley Redbush Pure, 40 Tea Bags 100g](#): a plain redbush for later in the afternoon, gentle enough not to crowd the coated biscuits.
- [Twinings the Earl Grey Decaffeinated Plant Based, 40 Tea Bags 100g](#): for Earl Grey households, a decaffeinated one brewed on the light side, its bergamot sitting comfortably with the orange note the label lists.

Elsewhere in the McVitie's range

- [McVitie's Club Layers Orange, 39g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Mint Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 Bars 154g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Orange Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 Bars 154g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Salted Caramel Flavour Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 x 22g](#)
- [McVitie's Dark Chocolate Digestive Biscuits, 266g](#)
- [McVitie's Digestive Pink Raspberry & Cream Flavour, Limited Edition, 232g](#)

The full range is on the [McVitie's brand page](#).

FAQ

What biscuits are in the Victoria selection? The box lists the current varieties. The ingredient list points to milk chocolate, a white chocolate flavour coating, dark chocolate, dark chocolate flavour chips, oats and an orange note.

Is a 245g box enough for a family? It is better sized for two people over a few afternoons, or a small group in one sitting, than for a family's weekly tin.

What order should you eat a biscuit selection in? Plainest first, coated last. Chocolate coats the palate and mutes whatever follows it.

Is the Victoria selection suitable for a gluten-free diet? No. The published allergen statement lists wheat, barley and oats (gluten), as well as milk and soya.

How should an opened box be stored? Closed, cool and away from strong smells such as coffee or spices, which a rich selection soaks up.

Curator's note: Keep this one for visitors and ask everyone to take a different biscuit each round. It is the fairest way to share a tin. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: McVitie's Victoria Classic Biscuit Selection: How to Serve It

Field	Detail
Brand	McVitie's
Packs we stock	245g
Category	Biscuits
Allergens (as published)	It contains wheat, barley and oats (gluten), milk and soya.
Serves	Two over a few afternoons, or a small group once
Best with	A plain afternoon pot or a Darjeeling
Serving order	Plain first, coated last

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