

Starbucks Caffe Latte for Dolce Gusto: What Is Inside the Pod

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Starbucks Caffe Latte for Dolce Gusto: What Is Inside the Pod, in summary: A milk-led latte for Dolce Gusto machines only. Whole milk powder heads the ingredient list, sugar and coffee follow, and the result is foamy, mild and faintly sweet rather than strong.

Last reviewed by the teas.co.uk team in September 2026.

Whole milk powder makes up 73.9% of the published ingredient list, which tells you almost everything about how this pod drinks. It is a latte in the true sense, mostly milk with a gentle coffee underneath, designed for the mornings when nobody is going to steam a jug.

The ingredient list is the drink

Read the label in order and the cup explains itself. Whole milk powder leads at 73.9%, sugar follows at 12.9%, then soluble coffee at 11.6%, with butter oil from milk, a little roast and ground coffee and sodium bicarbonate as an acidity regulator. Because the milk arrives packed together with the coffee, the drink is quick to make, and because the sugar is already there, the finish comes out rounded and slightly sweet.

The same list settles the diet question. Milk is the main ingredient, so this is no use to a dairy-free household or to anyone who would normally pour a plant milk instead; there is no swapping it out. The coffee is kept deliberately soft, sitting at the milder end of the Starbucks range, so anyone who wants bitterness pushing back through the foam will find this pod polite.

How it sits beside the other Starbucks pods

Two companies share the box. Starbucks supplies the recipe, and Nescafé produces the pod under licence for the Dolce Gusto system it built, which is why the cup tastes recognisably of the coffee shop. The same arrangement ties it to one machine family: Nespresso, Tassimo and Lavazza brewers cannot take it, and no adapter gets round that.

Within the Starbucks Dolce Gusto boxes we stock, this is the plain, milky choice. The Americano House Blend is the black coffee, while the Madagascar Vanilla Macchiato and the White Mocha are the flavoured

options, each sold as six servings. The Caffè Latte box is labelled twelve pods and twelve servings; since some Dolce Gusto milk drinks need two pods per cup, confirm the servings figure on your own box before you plan a week around it.

Getting a good cup, hot or iced

The machine pressurises the pod so the drink arrives with a proper head of foam, the part a spoonful of instant and hot milk never manages. Drink it soon after brewing, while the foam is still standing, and use a mug that suits the serving rather than one that leaves the latte looking lost at the bottom.

It makes one of the better iced pod drinks. Pack a tall glass with ice first, then brew a shorter measure than you would for a hot cup, so the melting ice does not water it down. For food, a milky, mild drink wants something with texture or depth beside it: an oatly biscuit for [dunking](#), a double [chocolate](#) cookie or a butterscotch crunch all give it something to push against.

The packs we stock

- [Starbucks Caffè Latte By Nescafé Dolce Gusto, Coffee \(12 Servings\), 12 Pods](#) (barcode 7613039838143)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Starbucks Caffè Latte By Nescafé Dolce Gusto, Coffee (12 Servings), 12 Pods says it contains milk. Before buying, read the 12 pod Caffè Latte box; its recipe and milk warning may change.

Ingredients, as published: Whole Milk Powder (73.9%), Sugar (12.9%), Soluble Coffee (11.6%), Butter Oil (Milk), Roast and Ground Coffee, Acidity Regulator (Sodium Bicarbonate).

Typical values per 100g Per 100g

Energy	457 kcal
Fat	19,7g
of which saturates	12,1g
Carbohydrate	44,5g
of which sugars	42,3g
Fibre	5,9g
Protein	21,7g
Salt	1,19g

Ingredient and nutrition information for this product, as published on the manufacturer's label. Your Caffè Latte box settles it.

What to eat with it

- [McVitie's Original Hobnobs Biscuits - The Oaty One, 255g](#): A plain oaty biscuit, and a mild, milky latte is exactly the cup we would dip it in.
- [Maryland Cookies Double Chocolate, 200g](#): Double chocolate adds the depth a mild, foamy cup deliberately leaves out.
- [Border Butterscotch Crunch Organic Biscuits, 135g](#): Butterscotch crunch echoes the rounded, slightly sweet finish and brings a crisp bite.

Elsewhere in the Starbucks range

- [Starbucks Americano House Blend By Nescafe Dolce Gusto, Coffee \(12 Servings\), 12 Pods](#)
- [Starbucks Blonde Espresso Roast by NESPRESSO Coffee, Blonde Roast, Box of 10, 53g](#)
- [Starbucks Breakfast Blend by Nespresso Medium Roast Coffee, 10 Capsules 56g](#)
- [Starbucks by Nescafé Dolce Gusto 12 x Madagascar Vanilla Macchiato Coffee \(6 Servings\)](#)
- [Starbucks by Nescafé Dolce Gusto 12 x White Mocha Coffee \(6 Servings\)](#)
- [Starbucks by Nespresso Blonde Espresso Roast Coffee, 10 Pods](#)

The full range is on the [Starbucks brand page](#).

FAQ

Is there milk in Starbucks Caffe Latte Dolce Gusto pods? Yes. Whole milk powder is the first ingredient on the published list, and the pods also contain butter oil from milk.

Is the Caffe Latte sweetened? Yes. Sugar is the second ingredient on the label, after whole milk powder, so the sweetness is decided before you open the box.

Can I make it with oat or other plant milk? No. The milk powder comes packed with the coffee, so it cannot be left out or swapped.

Is there an adapter to use these pods in another machine? No. They are made for Nescafé Dolce Gusto machines only, and no adapter lets a Nespresso, Tassimo or Lavazza machine take them.

How strong is the Starbucks Caffe Latte? Mild. It is milk-led, with the coffee kept gentle underneath, so it reads creamy rather than punchy.

Curator's note: This is the pod for the rush between the alarm and the front door. Once the weather warms up, run it short over a glass full of ice instead. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Starbucks Caffe Latte for Dolce Gusto: What Is Inside the Pod

Field	Detail
Brand	Starbucks
Packs we stock	Coffee (12 Servings), 12 Pods
Category	Coffee Sachets & Mixes
Allergens (as published)	It contains milk.
Caffeine	caffeinated

Field	Detail
Strength	Mild and milk-led
Best time	A quick weekday morning
Iced	Yes, run the coffee short over ice

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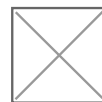
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