

# Lucky Alvin Cashew

★ ★ 2-Star

Lovely pale creamy-brown coloured dense paste. This really delivers the freshest, authentic cashew flavours imaginable. So creamy it is initially claggy, this soon eases up to give a delightfully, naturally sweet but well balanced taste that is rounded and clean with a long, gentle finish.

This spread is a real crowd (and child) pleaser. It's nutty, smooth and naturally sweet. The aroma is nutty, the texture is almost silky and the mouth-feel is clean, with no trace of greasiness. It is very well made, needing hardly any of the heavy duty stirring that is required with many nut butters and spreads. It would not only be good as a spread but would be a very useful ingredient in dishes from satay to ice-cream.

# Lucky Alvin Peanut Butter + White Chocolate

## ★ 1-Star

This looks and tastes very smooth although, in common with so many peanut spreads, it is a little cloying. Some found the level of sweetness a little too high but others thought the combination of the chocolate with the nuts worked well. We discussed the fact that none of us could actually taste the white chocolate but came to the conclusion the chocolate added a pleasing level of creaminess and blended well with the peanuts. The richness of the finish is pure pleasure - well made.

This is a smooth nut spread, with a richly nutty taste. The mouth-feel is creamy, perhaps partly from the white chocolate. It is very sweet, although there is almost no perceptible taste of the white chocolate. It's a spread that will appeal to those with a sweet tooth – it will probably be good in ice-cream – but a hint of salt might rebalance the sweetness and give a more satisfying finish.