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## Savoury Stuffed Foast with Gruyere. Sundried Formatoes & Lentils



**SERVINGS 4** 



**PREP TIME** 5 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 15 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

4 slices of ham

3/4 cup (175 mL) cooked French green lentils

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) chopped fresh basil

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) minced sundried tomatoes, packed in oil

34 cup (175 mL) finely grated Gruyere cheese salt and ground black pepper, to taste

slices of sourdough bread (medium thickness)

Egg Dip

8

5 whole medium eggs dash salt and ground black pepper 1 Tbsp (15mL) unsalted butter

maple syrup, for drizzling (optional) chopped fresh basil, for garnish (optional)

## MAKE IT

1 PREHEAT the oven to 350°F (180°C). 2 HEAT a large sauté pan and brown the ham slices on both sides. Remove from the stove and reserve. 3 MIX the cooked lentils, basil, and sundried tomatoes together in a medium bowl. Toss in the grated Gruyere cheese and season to taste with salt and pepper. 4 CREATE an assembly line with four slices of bread. Layer a slice of ham on each piece of bread and then distribute the prepared lentil filling on top. Gently press the filling down, making sure it stays within the confines of the crust. Take the other four bread slices and place them on top of each of the prepared slices. Press together firmly. **5 WHISK** the eggs and season with salt and pepper. Reheat the large sauté pan on a medium heat and melt the butter. Carefully dip each side of the sandwich into the egg mixture, lightly coating the outside. Place in the sauté pan immediately and repeat until the pan is full. Cook until golden on both sides, approximately 3 minutes per side, watching to make sure they do not become too dark. Place the pan in the oven to heat the stuffed toast until cheese has melted, about 3-5 minutes. If the sauté pan is not oven proof or if the butter is beginning to smoke, use a parchment lined baking tray. 6 ONCE ready, remove from the pan, slice in half, and if desired, drizzle maple syrup on each and garnish with fresh chopped basil. Serve immediately.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1 sandwich

Calories 660, Total Fat 21 g, Saturated Fat 9 g, Cholesterol 290 mg, Carbohydrates 74 g, Fibre 3 g, Sugars 4 g, Protein 41 g, Sodium 1790 mg, Potassium 459 mg, Folate 223 mcg

the perfect pairing

Mimosa

(1:1 ratio of Prosecco, and Orange Juice)



## Raw Oysters with Mango & Lentil Pearls



**SERVINGS** 12 dressed oysters



PREP TIME 10 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 10 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

4 cup (60 mL) red wine vinegar
 4 tsp (0.5 mL) granulated sugar
 4 tsp (1 mL) finely grated fresh ginger
 2 cup (125 mL) cooked black (Beluga) lentils

**3 Tbsp** (45 mL) finely diced mango (same size of the lentil

if possible)

1 tsp (5 mL) fresh chopped cilantro

dash salt

fresh Malpeque Bay oysters, or your favourite

shucking oyster

### MAKE IT

COMBINE the vinegar and sugar in a bowl and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Add the ginger, cooked beluga lentils, mango, and cilantro. Add a touch of salt. Cover the mixture with saran wrap and set aside in the fridge, allowing the flavours to combine for at least 30 minutes.

2 SHUCK the oysters carefully, discarding the top part of the shell. Keep as much of the liquid ("brine") from the oyster in the bottom shell as possible. The liquid has a lot of flavour. The bottom shell will be the serving vessel so make sure you cut the abductor muscle, which is underneath the flesh of the oyster and lines the shell. This is the muscle that connects the oyster to the shell. Place the shucked oysters on a serving platter.

3 SPOON a small amount of the lentil mango garnish onto each of the oysters and serve immediately. Put the extra filling in a small bowl with a spoon and place it the centre of the serving plate for extra garnish.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1 oyster

Calories 20, Total Fat 0 g, Saturated Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Carbohydrates 3 g, Fibre 1 g, Sugars 1 g, Protein 2 g, Sodium 60 mg, Potassium 53 mg, Folate 16 mcg





## Ginger Ricotta Naan Foasts with Balsamic Figs & Lentils



**SERVINGS** 16 pieces



PREP TIME 10 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 25 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

naan flatbreads1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil

salt and ground black pepper, as needed for sprinkling

1 cup (250 mL) baby arugula

## Figs & Lentils

34 cup (175 mL) dried figs, hard stems removed

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) unsalted butter

3 Tbsp (45 mL) minced shallots or red onion 4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper 1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh thyme 4 cup (60 mL) balsamic vinegar 4 cup (175 mL) cooked green lentils

## Ricotta

3/4 cup (175 mL) ricotta cheese

1 tsp (5 mL) chopped fresh thyme plus more for garnish

**1 tsp** (5 mL) grated fresh ginger

salt, to taste

## MAKE IT

1 PREHEAT the oven to 350°F (180°C). 2 LIGHTLY brush the naan flatbreads with canola oil and season with salt and pepper. Cut each naan into 8 pieces. Place the pieces onto a tray and bake in the oven for 8-10 minutes, or until the pieces are lightly toasted. Remove from the oven and place on a cooling rack and reserve. 3 BRING 2 cups (500 mL) of water to a boil. Pour over the dried figs and allow them to soften for 5 minutes. Drain the water completely and chop the softened figs into small pieces and set aside. 4 MELT the butter in a medium pan, add the shallots and sauté until soft. Add the chopped figs, pepper, and thyme. Sauté until lightly golden, then deglaze with balsamic vinegar and simmer until reduced. Add the cooked lentils and heat through. **5 COMBINE** the ricotta cheese in a small bowl with thyme and ginger, then season with salt. 6 ASSEMBLE: lay a dollop of the ricotta mixture on top of each piece of naan, spreading the mixture out so that it nearly touches the edges. Lay a few leaves of arugula on top of the ricotta. Add a spoonful of the lentil and fig mixture and garnish each piece with fresh thyme leaves. Serve immediately.



Calories 90, Total Fat 3 g, Satu<mark>rated Fat 1 g, Chol</mark>esterol 5 mg, Carbohydrates 13 g, Fibre 2 g, Sugars 4 g, Protein 3 g, Sodium 160 mg, Potassium 108 mg, Folate 21 mcg







## Smoked Salmon Rosettes with Dill Lentil Cream on Crispy Wontons

**SERVINGS** 20 pieces



PREP TIME 15 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 20 minutes** 

(250 mL) canola oil 1 cup

wonton squares (3½ x 3½ inches/9 x 9 cm),

cut on a diagonal into 4 bite-size pieces

(1 mL) salt 1/4 tsp

⅓ cup (75 mL) 14% sour cream

2 Tbsp (30 mL) cream cheese, room temperature

1 Tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice 1 tsp (5 mL) fresh lemon zest (15 mL) chopped fresh dill 1 Tbsp

(250 mL) cooked green or black (Beluga) lentils 1 cup

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

slices smoked salmon

Garnish

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1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh dill

20 capers

the wonton base: In a skillet, heat canola oil to 375°F (190°C). Fry each wonton wrapper in a single layer, a few at a time, flipping over until golden on both sides. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to a paper towel to remove excess oil. Lightly season with a touch of salt and reserve. 2 bowl, mix the sour cream with cream cheese until smooth. Add the lemon juice, zest, and dill. Pat cooked lentils with a paper towel to remove excess liquid and add them to the sour cream mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper and reserve.

a bite size salmon rosette by rolling a slice of smoked salmon tightly on one side and loosely on the other. Fan out the loose side so that it resembles a flower bud, creating a small space in the centre of the rosette. Repeat this with all of the salmon slices. 4 PLACE a dollop of the lentil mixture onto each of the wontons and top with the salmon rosettes. Garnish each with fresh dill and a caper or two. Serve immediately.

## **Nutritional Information**

Calories 60, Total Fat 4 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Carbohydrates 3 g, Fibre 1 g, Sugars 0 g, Protein 3 g, Sodium 135 mg, Potassium 54 mg, Folate 20 mcg







## Lentil Spanakopita Friangles



**SERVINGS** 2 dozen triangles



PREP TIME 20 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 1 hour** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil 1 Tbsp (15 mL) butter

small onion, finely chopped garlic cloves, crushed

**3 cups** (750 mL) fresh spinach or baby chard, torn

or roughly chopped (remove stems)

½ cup (125 mL) cooked or canned green lentils,

drained and rinsed

34 cup (175 mL) crumbled feta

1 large egg

1 pkg

2 Tbsp (30 mL) chopped fresh mint (optional)

salt and ground black pepper, to taste phyllo pastry, thawed (about 12 sheets)

⅓ cup (75 mL) canola oil or melted butter

### MAKE IT

1 PREHEAT the oven to 375°F (190°C). 2 HEAT the oil and butter in a large skillet set over medium-high heat. When the foam subsides, add the onion and cook for 4-5 minutes, until soft. Add the garlic and cook for another minute. 3 ADD the spinach and cook until it wilts, and any excess moisture has evaporated. Transfer to a bowl and cool slightly before stirring in the lentils, feta, egg, and mint. Season with salt and pepper. 4 WHEN you're ready to assemble the triangles, gently unroll the phyllo and remove two sheets. Place them on a clean, dry work surface and cover the remaining sheets with a slightly damp tea towel or plastic wrap. **5** FOLD half of the top sheet back and brush the bottom sheet underneath it with canola oil or melted butter; return the top sheet and repeat on the other side, this makes it easier to keep them lined up). 6 cut the sheets lengthwise into quarters. Place a spoonful of filling at one end of each strip and fold the corner over it diagonally. Continue folding the strip as if you were folding a flag, maintaining the triangle shape. **O REPEAT** with the remaining phyllo and filling, placing the packets seam side down on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Brush the tops with canola oil or melted butter and bake for 20 minutes, or until golden.





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**SERVINGS 6** 



PREP TIME 15 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 15 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

## Vinaigrette

½ cup (125 mL) cleaned and halved fresh strawberries

**3 Tbsp** (45 mL) cider vinegar **1 Tbsp** (15 mL) honey

**1 tsp** (5 mL) minced chipotle pepper packed in adobo sauce

2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice ½ tsp (2 mL) whole grain mustard

1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

## Salad Base

1 cup (250 mL) cooked or canned green lentils,

drained and rinsed (750 mL) baby arugula

3 cups (750 mL) baby arugula
 1½ cups (375 mL) cleaned and quartered fresh strawberries
 large ripe avocado, peeled and medium dice

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) chopped fresh cilantro (reserve some for garnish) ⅓ **cup** (75 mL) toasted slivered almonds (reserve some for garnish)

## MAKE IT

**1** FOR the vinaigrette: In the bowl of a food processor or blender, combine strawberries, cider vinegar, honey, chipotle pepper, lemon juice, mustard, and olive oil. Puree until velvety and smooth. Season with salt and pepper. Reserve. **2** FOR the salad: In a small bowl mix half of the prepared dressing with the cooked lentils. **3** TOSS the dressed lentils with arugula, strawberries, avocado, cilantro, and almonds. **4** DRIZZLE with a little more vinaigrette and top with toasted almonds and cilantro. Serve immediately.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1/3 cup

Calories 180, Total Fat 10 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Carbohydrates 18 g, Fibre 5 g, Sugars 7 g, Protein 6 g, Sodium 130 mg, Potassium 368 mg, Folate 83 mcg



## Warm Cocoa Chili Lentil Salad with Pomegranate Gems

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SERVINGS 4



PREP TIME 5 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 10 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

## **Salad Base**

4 cups (1L) thinly sliced baby spinach leaves
 1 cup (250 mL) thinly sliced radicchio
 1 cup (250 mL) pomegranate seeds (reserve some for garnish)
 3 Tbsp (45 mL) red wine vinegar

2 tsp (10 mL) honey

½ tsp (2 mL) whole grain mustard

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) canola oil

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

## Cocoa Chili Lentils

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
34 cup (175 mL) minced red onion
2 tsp (10 mL) dark cocoa powder
1 tsp (5 mL) ground chili powder
2 Tbsp (30 mL) red wine vinegar

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) honey

1 cup (250 mL) cooked black (Beluga) lentils salt and ground black pepper, to taste

## MAKE IT

1 For the salad: In a large bowl, toss the spinach, radicchio, and pomegranate seeds together. In a small bowl, whisk the vinegar, honey, mustard, and canola oil together. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Toss the vinaigrette with the spinach mixture so that the greens are lightly coated. 2 For the cocoa chili lentils: In a medium size pan, sauté the onions in canola oil until soft. Stir in the cocoa and chili powder and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Deglaze the pan with the vinegar and add the honey. Toss in the cooked lentils and heat thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper. Cool the mixture for approximately 2 minutes. 3 Toss the warm lentil mixture with the salad. Portion and garnish with pomegranate seeds.

**Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE** 1 cup (250 mL) Calories 220, Total Fat 8 g, Saturated Fat 0.5 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Carbohydrates 33 g, Fibre 8 g, Sugars 15 g, Protein 6 g Sodium 360 mg, Potassium 363 mg, Folate 118 mcg

perfect pairing



## Sesame-Ginger Marinated Lentils & Green Bean Salad



PREP TIME 15 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 50 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

(125 mL) green, French green, or black (Beluga) lentils 1/2 cup 1 lb (500 grams) fresh green beans, washed and trimmed

1/4 cup (60 mL) finely chopped red onion 3 cups (750 mL) spring greens or arugula

## Vinaigrette

2 Tbsp (30 mL) canola oil 2 Tbsp (30 mL) orange juice 2 Tbsp (30 mL) rice vinegar 1 Tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce (5 mL) sesame oil 1 tsp (5 mL) honey 1 tsp garlic clove, crushed 1 tsp (5 mL) grated fresh ginger

(30 mL) sesame seeds, toasted, for garnish

## MAKE IT

1 BRING 2½ cups (625 mL) of water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the lentils and cook for 35-40 minutes, until almost tender. Cut the beans into 1-inch (2.5 cm) lengths; add them to the lentils. Cover and cook for another 5 minutes, until the lentils are tender and the green beans are tender-crisp. 2 DRAIN well in a colander and transfer to a shallow serving bowl. Add the onion. In a small bowl or jar, whisk or shake together the canola oil, orange juice, rice vinegar, soy sauce, sesame oil, honey, garlic, and ginger; drizzle over the lentils and beans and toss to combine. **3 SERVE** over greens or arugula, and sprinkle with sesame seeds just before serving.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1 cup (250 mL)

Calories 170, Total Fat 10 g, Saturated Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Carbohydrates 18 g, Fibre 5 g, Sugars 7 g, Protein 6 g, Sodium 300 mg, Potassium 421 mg, Folate 101 mcg





## Cherry Beet Soup with Red Lentils & Anise

⅓ cup



PREP TIME 10 minutes



2 Tbsp (30 mL) canola oil

(250 mL) finely chopped red onion 1 cup ½ tsp (2 mL) anise seeds, crushed 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cinnamon

½ cup (125 mL) finely chopped celery

2 cups (500 mL) peeled, finely diced, fresh red beets

¼ cup (60 mL) red wine (1.25 L) vegetable stock 5 cups

2 Tbsp (30 mL) honey

1 Tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar 1 cup (250 mL) split red lentils

(375 mL) halved fresh red cherries, pits removed 1½ cups

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

(75 mL) crumbled goat cheese, for garnish

vg a large sauce pot, sauté the onion in the oil and cook until tender but not brown. Add the anise and cinnamon and cook for another 2 minutes, stirring continuously. Add the celery and cook until soft. Stir in the beets and cook for 2 minutes. 2 in the red wine and stock. Add the honey, vinegar, and lentils. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Partially cover the pot with a lid and simmer for approximately 20-25 minutes, until the beets are nearly tender but still have a bite to them. 3 cover and continue to simmer until they are tender, approximately ASON to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish each 10 minutes. 4 SE bowl with crumbled goat cheese.

### NG SIZE 1 cup (250 mL) **Nutritional Information 5**

Calories 240, Total Fat 8 g, Saturated Fat 2.5 g, Cholesterol 10 mg, Carbohydrates 32 g, Fibre 6 g, Sugars 13 g, Protein 11 g, Sodium 430 mg, Potassium 453 mg, Folate 43 mcg





## Grilled Asparagus with Lentils & Crushed Macadamias

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SERVINGS 6



PREP TIME 15 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 35 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

1 Tbsp (15 mL) butter

1 Tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped shallot ½ tsp (2 mL) red pepper flakes, or to taste

1/3 cup (75 mL) crushed, or roughly chopped, raw macadamia nuts

1/4 cup (60 mL) white wine

34 cup (175 mL) cooked French green lentils
 1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh cilantro
 salt and ground black pepper, to taste

## **Asparagus**

1 lb (500 grams) asparagus, cleaned and ends trimmed

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil

dash salt and ground black pepper

**1 Tbsp** lemon juice

fresh cilantro leaves, for garnish

## MAKE IT

↑ PREHEAT the BBQ. ② MELT the butter in a medium pan and sauté the shallots, chili flakes, and macadamia nuts and cook until the nuts are lightly golden. Deglaze the pan with white wine and add the cooked lentils and heat through. Mix in the cilantro, season with salt and pepper and remove from the heat. ③ DRIZZLE canola oil over the asparagus and season lightly with salt and pepper. Grill on the BBQ until slightly charred, but still al dente. Remove from the grill and cut into 1-2 inch pieces. Toss the pieces with the nut and lentil mixture, squeeze on a bit of lemon juice and garnish with fresh chopped cilantro.

Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 4-5 asparagus spears

with 3 Tbsp (45 mL) lentil mixture

Calories 150, Total Fat 10 g, Saturated Fat 2.5 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Carbohydrates 10 g, Fibre 4 g, Sugars 3 g, Protein 5 g, Sodium 200 mg, Potassium 317 mg, Folate 47 mcg





## Roasted Cauliflower & Radicchio with Fruffled Lentils

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SERVINGS 6



PREP TIME 15 minutes



OTAL TIME 40 minutes

## WHAT YOU NEED

## Cauliflower

4 cups (1 L) bite-size florets of fresh cauliflower 1 cup (250 ml) radicchio, cut into wedges

2 Tbsp (30 mL) olive oil

dash salt and ground black pepper

Lentils

1 Tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter 34 cup (175 mL) finely sliced leek

1 tsp (5 mL) finely chopped fresh rosemary

2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice

1 cup (250 mL) cooked or canned green lentils,

drained and rinsed

1 tsp (5 mL) honey

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

2 tsp (10 mL) black truffle oil 1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh parsley

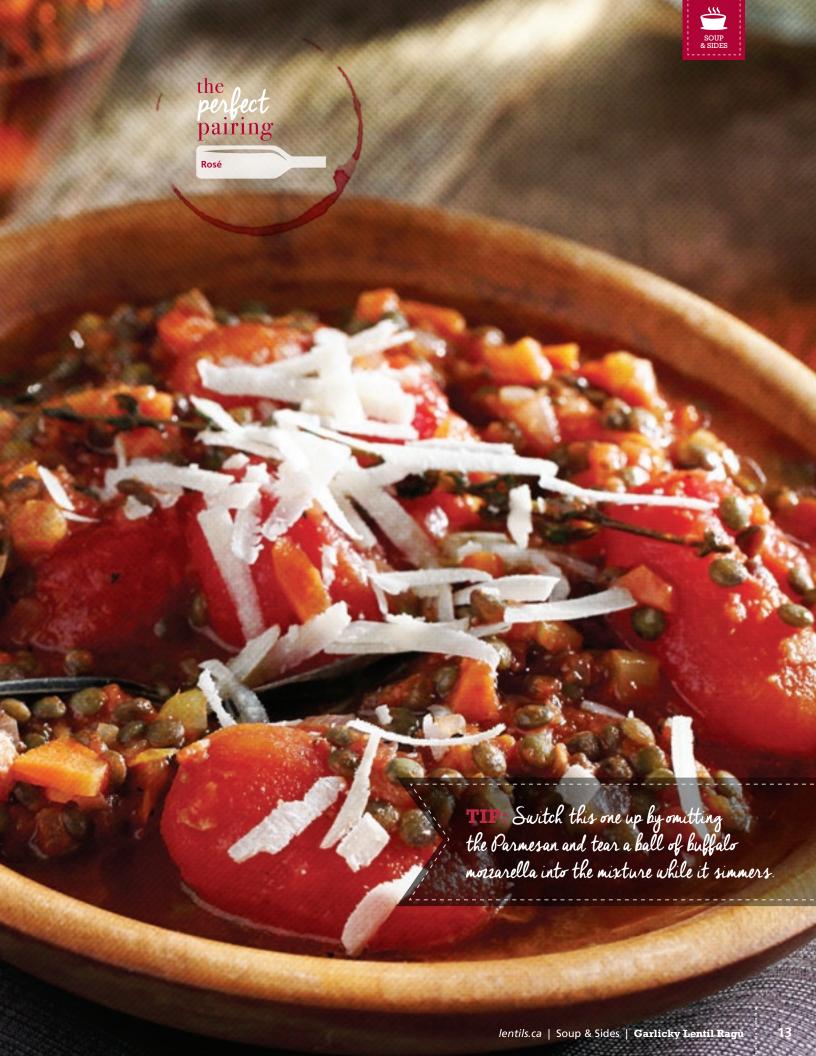
## MAKE IT

**1) PREHEAT** the oven to 400°F (200°C). **2 ross** the cauliflower florets and radicchio with oil and season with salt and pepper. Line a baking tray with foil and spread the mixture evenly; making sure it is in a single layer. Roast in the oven, turning half way though, until vegetables are golden and tender, approximately 20-25 minutes. **3) WHILE** the cauliflower is roasting, melt the butter and sauté the leek and rosemary low and slow until golden. The butter will brown. Add the lemon juice, lentils, and honey. Season with salt and pepper and sauté until hot. Drizzle truffle oil over the mixture. Remove the mixture from the stove and keep warm until the cauliflower and radicchio are ready. In a large bowl, combine the vegetables with the lentil mixture and fresh parsley. **4) PLATE** or pour into a serving bowl. If desired, drizzle a little extra truffle oil on top and serve.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1/2 cup (125 mL)

Calories 140, Total Fat 9 g, Saturated Fat 2 g, Cholesterol 5 mg, Carbohydrates 13 g, Fibre 4 g, Sugars 3 g, Protein 5 g, Sodium 220 mg, Potassium 382 mg, Folate 113 mcg







# Espresso Marinated Lamb Chops with Smoky Lentils



SERVINGS 6



PREP TIME 15 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 50 minutes** 

# the perfect pairing

Sauvignon Blanc

### WHAT YOU NEED

## **Marinated Lamb**

8 lamb loin chops

2 Tbsp (30 mL) ground espresso1 garlic clove, minced3 Tbsp (45 mL) olive oil

½ tsp (2 mL) ground black pepper ½ tsp (2 mL) whole grain mustard ½ cup (125 mL) red wine

1/25 mL) red wine (1 mL) coarse salt

**1-2 Tbsp** (15-30 mL) canola oil, for cooking

## **Smoky Lentils**

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
1½ cup (375 mL) finely sliced leek
(5 mL) smoked paprika
¼ cup (60 mL) red wine

½ cup (125 mL) lamb or beef stock1 Tbsp (15 mL) maple syrup1 cup (250 mL) chopped kale

1½ cup (400 mL) cooked or canned green lentils, drained and rinsed

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) fresh chopped mint plus more for garnish

## MAKE IT

the lamb in a large plastic resealable bag. In a small bowl, whisk together the coffee, garlic, oil, black pepper, mustard, wine, and salt together. Pour the marinade over lamb, seal bag, and rub in thoroughly on all sides. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. 2 the lentils: In a medium saucepan, heat canola oil. Add the leek and sauté until slightly golden. Stir in the smoked paprika and sauté for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Deglaze the pan with the red wine and stock. Stir in the maple syrup, kale, and cooked lentils. Simmer for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and stir in the fresh mint. the oven to 400°F (200°C). Remove the lamb from the marinade and brush off the excess espresso grounds. Heat a thick bottomed large ovenproof skillet, add canola oil and cook the lamb until browned, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer the skillet to the oven and roast to desired doneness, medium rare is suggested. For medium rare, cook for approximately 6-10 minutes or until the lamb reaches an internal temperature of 140-145°F on a meat thermometer. Remove from the oven and let rest for 5 minutes. 4 the hot lentils down on a platter, top with the roasted lamb chops and garnish with fresh mint.

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Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 2 lamb chops with

34 cup (175 mL) smoky lentils

Calories 400, Total Fat 26 g, Saturated Fat 7 g, Cholesterol 65 mg, Carbohydrates 17 g, Fibre 4 g, Sugars 3 g, Protein 21 g, Sodium 240 mg, Potassium 500 mg, Folate 100 mcg



## Marsala Chicken & Lentils

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**SERVINGS 6** 



PREP TIME 10 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 35 minutes** 

### WHAT YOU NEED

medium chicken breasts, skin removed salt and ground black pepper, as needed

6 Tbsp (90 mL) all purpose flour

3 Tbsp (45 mL) canola oil

1 Tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter1 Tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped shallots

**1** garlic clove, minced

3 cups (750 mL) fresh sliced shiitake or cremini mushrooms

 ½ cup
 (125 mL) Marsala wine

 ½ cup
 (125 mL) chicken stock

 ¾ cup
 (175 mL) 35% cream

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1 cup (250 mL) cooked green lentils

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

**2 Tbsp** (30 mL) chopped fresh parsley

### MAKE IT

1 PLACE a layer of plastic wrap on a cutting board. Lay the chicken breasts down, with space in between each and cover with another layer of plastic wrap. Gently pound the chicken breasts with a flat mallet, or the side of a wine bottle, until they reach about 1/4 inch (0.6 cm) thickness. Cut each breast in half. Season both sides with salt and pepper and dredge in flour. In a large skillet, heat canola oil and add the chicken, cook in batches to avoid overcrowding. Cook the chicken until golden on both sides and until almost cooked through. Remove the chicken from the pan and reserve. 2 MELT the butter in the pan and add the shallots, garlic, and mushrooms. Cook until the mushrooms are golden. Remove from the pan and reserve. 3 ADD the marsala wine to deglaze the pan and cook for 1 minute. Add the stock and cream. Simmer until the liquid thickens. Add the reserved mushrooms, lentils, and chicken back into the pan, and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper. 4 GARNISH with fresh chopped parsley and serve.

Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1/2 chicken breast with 1/2 cup (125 mL) sauce

Calories 370, Total Fat 22 g, Saturated Fat 9 g, Cholesterol 85 mg, Carbohydrates 20 g, Fibre 4 g, Sugars 5 g, Protein 18g, Sodium 430 mg, Potassium 527 mg, Folate 81 mcg



## Coconut Saffron Scallops on a Bed of Lentils & Couscous

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**SERVINGS 4** 



**PREP TIME 10 minutes** 



**TOTAL TIME 25 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

## Couscous

3/4 cup (175 mL) vegetable stock

1 Tbsp (15 mL) golden raisins, finely chopped
½ cup (125 mL) dry, medium couscous
1 cup (250 mL) cooked French green lentils

**2 Tbsp** (30 mL) fresh chopped cilantro, reserve some for garnish

1 Tbsp lemon, juice plus zest 1 Tbsp (15 mL) olive oil

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

## **Scallops & Sauce**

1 Tbsp (15 mL) canola oil

12 large fresh scallops, abductor muscles removed

salt and ground black pepper, to taste

1/4 cup (60 mL) white wine

2 Tbsp (30 mL) finely minced shallot1 tsp (5 mL) grated fresh ginger

1¼ cup (310 mL) coconut milk (regular, not light)

1/4 tsp (1 mL) saffron threads

## MAKE IT

**1 BRING** the stock and raisins to a boil in a medium saucepan. Pour the hot stock over the dry couscous in a medium bowl and mix once with a spoon. Cover for 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork and toss in the lentils, cilantro, lemon juice, zest, and oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper and reserve in a warm spot. **2 PAT** the scallops dry with a paper towel and season with salt and pepper. Heat a thick bottom pan until hot but not smoking. Add the canola oil to the pan and quickly add the scallops. Cook the scallops until they are a rich golden brown and then flip over to cook the other side. Remove the scallops from the pan and deglaze the pan with white wine. Add the shallots, ginger, coconut milk, and saffron. Simmer the sauce until it thickens. Add the scallops back to the sauce to warm. **3 SPOON** the warm couscous onto each of the plates. Place 3 scallops per person on the bed of couscous and pour some of the sauce over the top. Garnish with fresh cilantro and serve immediately.

**Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE**  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup (75 mL) couscous, 3 scallops, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup (60 mL) sauce

Calories 600, Total Fat 24 g, Saturated Fat 15 g, Cholesterol 35 mg, Carbohydrates 70 g, Fibre 8 g, Sugars 4 g, Protein 29 g, Sodium 560 mg, Potassium 613 mg, Folate 105 mcg









**SERVINGS 18** 



**PREP TIME 25** minutes



**TOTAL TIME 1 hour** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

1/4 cup (60 mL) split red lentils

½ cup (125 mL) butter, at room temperature

34 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar

1 large egg

1 lemon, finely grated zest plus juice

2 cups (500 mL) all-purpose flour 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder

1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt

⅓ **cup** (75 mL) poppy seeds

## **Lemon Drizzle**

½ cup (125 mL) confectioner's sugar

1 Tbsp (15 mL) cream 2 tsp (10 mL) lemon juice

## MAKE IT

**1 PREHEAT** the oven to 350°F (180°C). **2 BRING** 1 cup (250 mL) of water to a boil in a small saucepan; add the lentils and cook for 12 minutes, or until very soft. Drain well and set aside to cool slightly. 3 INTO the bowl of a food processor, place the butter, sugar, egg, and lemon zest and juice. Add the lentils and pulse until well blended and smooth. It may look curdled – that is fine. 4 ADD the flour, baking powder, and salt and pulse until the dough begins to come together. Add the poppy seeds and pulse once or twice, then carefully remove the dough and knead it once or twice with your hands. If it is really sticky, do this on a well-floured surface, incorporating a little more flour into the dough. **5 PLACE** on a parchment-lined baking sheet and with dampened hands, shape into 12-14 inch (31-36 cm) long log, and then flatten to 3-4 inches (8-10 cm) wide. Bake for 25-35 minutes, or until pale golden and set. Remove from oven and let cool completely. 6 REDUCE the oven to 275°F (150°C). Once the biscotti log has completely cooled, slice on a slight diagonal into ½-inch thick slices and return to the baking sheet, sitting them upright, spaced at least one inch (2.5 cm) apart. Return to the oven for 30 minutes, or until crisp, pale golden and dry. **WHISK** together the confectioner's sugar, cream, and lemon juice. Drizzle over the cooled biscotti and leave until set.

## Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1 biscotti

Calories 170, Total Fat 7 g, Saturated Fat 3.5 g, Cholesterol 25 mg, Carbohydrates 23 g, Fibre 1 g, Sugars 11 g, Protein 3 g, Sodium 60 mg, Potassium 52 mg, Folate 20 mcg



2 cups (500 mL) 2% milk ½ cup (125 mL) split red lentils 1 Tbsp (15 mL) granulated sugar

**1** vanilla bean

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) unflavored powdered gelatin

**1½ cups** (375 mL) 35% cream **4 cup** (60 mL) honey

dash salt

1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh raspberries, for garnish

**1 Tbsp** (15 mL) balsamic reduction, drizzled as needed for garnish

**1)** PLACE 1½ cups (375 mL) of 2% milk, lentils, sugar, and vanilla bean in a saucepan and simmer with a lid on until the lentils are tender, approximately 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl place ½ cup (125 mL) milk and sprinkle with gelatin. Let it stand while the lentils cook, this will soften the gelatin. **2) WHEN** the lentils are tender, remove the vanilla bean and scrape its contents into the hot milk and discard the pod. In the bowl of a food processor, puree the hot milk and lentil mixture until smooth. Return the puree to the sauce pan and add the soaked gelatin and milk mixture. Heat on low until the gelatin dissolves, approximately 3-5 minutes. Do not boil. **3)** ADD the cream, honey, and a touch of salt to the lentil mixture. Pour into champagne glasses and refrigerate for 4 hours. **4)** GARNISH each of the chilled panna cottas with raspberries and a small drizzle of balsamic reduction.

## **Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE** ¾ cup (175 mL)

Calories 370, Total Fat 24 g, Saturated Fat 15 g, Cholesterol 90 mg, Carbohydrates 30 g, Fibre 2 g, Sugars 18 g, Protein 9 g, Sodium 160 mg, Potassium 307 mg, Folate 7 mcg





**SERVINGS 6** 



PREP TIME 10 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 10 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

½ cup (85 mL) split red lentils
 ½ cup (125 mL) 35% cream
 2 tsp (10 mL) confectioner's sugar
 1 cup (250 mL) mascarpone cheese
 ¼ cup (60 mL) granulated sugar

vanilla bean

1¼ cup (310 mL) quartered fresh cherries, reserve some for garnish

½ cup (125 mL) finely grated dark or milk chocolate,

reserve some for garnish

## MAKE IT

**1) COOK** the lentils in 1 cup (250 mL) of water until tender. Rinse under cool water and strain. Dry excess moisture off with paper towel. **2) WHISK** the cream with confectioner's sugar until medium peaks develop. Cover and refrigerate. **3) IN** another bowl, whisk the mascarpone with sugar until smooth and light. Scrape the inside of the vanilla bean into the mascarpone mixture. Stir to combine. Fold in the cooked lentils. Mix in the cherries and grated chocolate. Gently fold in the chilled whipped cream. **4) PORTION** about <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup (150 mL) into wine glasses and garnish with fresh cherries and grated chocolate. Serve immediately.

## **Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE** 3/3 cup (150 mL)

Calories 560, Total Fat 47 g, Saturated Fat 26 g, Cholesterol 120 mg, Carbohydrates 31 g, Fibre 3 g, Sugars 21 g, Protein 10 g, Sodium 50 mg, Potassium 244 mg, Folate 3 mcg



## Midnight Coconut Lentil Fudge

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**SERVINGS 12** 



PREP TIME 10 minutes



**TOTAL TIME 15 minutes** 

## WHAT YOU NEED

½ cup (75 mL) toasted sunflower seeds½ cup (125 mL) toasted coconut flakes

1 cup (250 mL) cooked or canned green lentils,

rinsed and drained

3 Tbsp (45 mL) cocoa powder 4 cup (60 mL) honey 3 Tbsp (45 mL) coconut oil

## MAKE IT

1 PLACE the seeds, coconut, lentils, cocoa powder, and honey into the bowl of a food processor and pulse until smooth. You may need to scrape down the sides a few times. Scoop out into a bowl.

2 MELT the coconut oil on low heat on the stove and stir into the lentil mixture. Transfer the mixture into a small parchment lined pan and chill for 3 hours.

3 ONCE chilled, cut into 12 pieces.

## **Nutritional Information SERVING SIZE 1 piece**

Calories 130, Total Fat 8 g, Saturated Fat 5 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Carbohydrates 11 g, Fibre 2 g, Sugars 6 g, Protein 3 g, Sodium 0 mg, Potassium 86 mg, Folate 39 mcg



