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SCORCHED SCOTTISH MUSSELS

Scottish mussels steamed in cider with nduja butter, fennel & lime. Lightly blowtorched, finished with cream & served warm with bread. Bold, rich & fiery

Equipment: Blender or food processor, large pan with lid, chef's knife, chopping board, blowtorch, serving bowls.

Ingredients:

1kg Scottish rope-grown mussels, cleaned 150g nduja butter (see below) 50g chopped fennel 100ml Thistly Cross cider 75ml double cream 2g chopped parsley (for garnish)

Nduja Butter Ingredients:

250g nduja 250g unsalted butter, softened 15g chopped garlic 15g chopped parsley 2g salt 20ml lime juice

Method:

- 1. Blend garlic until smooth.
- 2. Add nduja, butter, lime juice, and salt; blend until combined.
- 3. Stir in chopped parsley.
- 4. Chill until firm.

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Heat: Place a large pan over high heat.
- 2. Steam: Add mussels, fennel, cider, and nduja butter. Cover with lid and steam for 1–2 minutes until the mussels open. Discard any unopened mussels.
- 3. Scorch: Remove lid and carefully blowtorch the mussels for 20–30 seconds to lightly char.
- 4. Finish: Add double cream and reduce sauce by half. Stir gently to coat.
- 5. Serve: Plate immediately, garnish with parsley, and serve with a hunk of crusty bread and the remaining cider.



SPICY TUNA & AVOCADO WAFFLE BITES

Sriracha-dressed tuna tartare on a buttermilk waffle with guacamole, lime zest & toasted sesame seeds. A savoury, vibrant bite with layered textures.

Equipment: Blender or food processor, waffle iron, chef's knife, chopping board, mixing bowls.

Sriracha-Maple Dressing Ingredients:

Method:

50ml sriracha

25ml yuzu juice or lime juice

25ml gluten-free soy sauce

38ml maple syrup

Mix all ingredients together until smooth. Chill.

Guacamole Ingredients:

1 ripe avocado

20ml lime juice

10g chopped coriander (stalks included)

3a salt

2g aleppo chilli / or a sprinkle of chilli flakes

Method:

Slice three ripe avocados in half, remove the pit and scoop them into a mixing bowl. Then use a fork or spoon to gently mash them until smooth. Adjust seasoning to taste. Set aside.

Waffle Mix Ingredients:

500g plain flour

40g sugar

17g baking powder

8g baking soda

60g salt

750ml buttermilk (well shaken)

136g butter (melted & cooled)

3 eggs

Method:

- 1. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
- 2. In a separate bowl, whisk together buttermilk, eggs, and melted butter.
- 3. Slowly combine the wet and dry ingredients until just incorporated. Do not overmix.
- 4. Cook waffles in a preheated waffle iron until golden and crisp. Set aside.

You can also use store bought.

ASSEMBLY: Instructions for each portion:

120g sushi-grade tuna, small dice

40g sriracha dressing

150g guacamole

½ buttermilk waffle, cut into 6 bite-sized pieces

zest of one lime

1 tbsp toasted sesame seeds

Method:

- 1. Toss diced tuna with sriracha dressing and let sit for 1 minute. Season with salt if needed.
- 2. Cut a half-waffle into 6 bite-sized portions.
- 3. Top each waffle piece with a spoonful of guacamole, followed by the dressed tuna.
- 4. Finish with the fresh lime zest and a sprinkle of toasted sesame seeds.
- 5. Serve immediately.