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Apple, Walnut, Arugula and Shaved Parmesan Salad with Dijon Vinaigrette

1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar

1 egg yolk, optional

½ tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

½ small shallot, minced

1 clove garlic, minced

½ teaspoon anchovy paste

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon onion powder

³/₄ cup blended oil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 cups mixed greens

2 cups arugula

1 honey crisp apple, julienned

½ cup chopped walnuts

1/4 cup shaved parmesan cheese

1/4 cup chopped cooked bacon

- Add first nine ingredients to the jar of a blender; puree until smooth. Season with salt and pepper.
- With machine running, add oil slowly, whisking constantly, until nicely emulsified. Adjust seasoning.
- Add greens, arugula, apple, walnuts, cheese and bacon to a mixing bowl.
- Toss with enough dressing to coat leaves; adjust seasoning. Serve immediately.

Grilled Vegetable and Goat Cheese Napoleon

2 to 3 tablespoon olive oil

2 packages spinach

2 cloves garlic, minced

6 portobello mushroom caps

2 medium zucchini, sliced

2 medium yellow squash, sliced

2 eggplants, sliced

1 log goat cheese, sliced

Basil Marinara Sauce

Grated parmesan cheese

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add the oil. Cook spinach until wilted and liquid has evaporated. Add garlic and cook 1 minute more.
- Preheat grill to medium heat. Grill vegetables, turning once, until marked but still crisp-tender. Remove, let cool.
- Place mushrooms on a sheet pan. Layer spinach, eggplant and squash on top; finish with goat cheese.
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake napoleons until warmed through.
- Serve topped with tomato sauce; garnish with parmesan cheese.



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Roasted Filet with Brandy Peppercorn Pan Sauce

4 (8-ounce) fillets

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 shallots, minced

¹/₄ cup brandy

1 cup veal demi-glace

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 to 3 tablespoons green peppercorns

Minced fresh chives

Sea salt and freshly group black pepper

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Rub filet with a little oil; season with salt and pepper.
- Bring a heavy skillet to medium heat and add the remaining oil. Cook the filet, turning once, until golden brown.
- Transfer to oven and cook to desired doneness (122 degrees for medium-rare). Remove pan from oven and let rest.
- Place pan over medium heat and add the shallots; cook until softened. Carefully add the brandy (it may flambé) and cook until reduced by half.
- Add the stock, cream, Worcestershire, mustard and peppercorns; bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until thickened and flavors have combined.
- Season with salt and pepper. Serve over steaks.

Belgian Chocolate Mousse

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 6 ounces bittersweet chocolate
- 3 large eggs, yolks and whites separated
- ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup heavy cream, cold
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
 - Add butter and chocolate to a heavy saucepan; melt over low heat. Stir in egg yolks. Transfer chocolate to a clean mixing bowl; let cool.
 - In the bowl of a stand mixer or electric hand mixer, beat the egg whites on medium-high speed until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and beat until soft peaks form. Gradually add the ½ cup of sugar. Continue beating until stiff peaks form.
 - In a separate bowl, beat the heavy cream, remaining sugar and vanilla extract until whipped. In batches, gently fold egg whites and whipped cream to chocolate mixture, being careful not to overmix.
 - Transfer mousse to serving cups; refrigerate 2 hours or until ready to serve.



Double Chocolate Biscotti Cookies

- ½ cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 13/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup chocolate chips
 - Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment
 - In a stand mixer, beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
 - Add the eggs and egg yolk one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Beat in the vanilla extract.
 - Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt, and cocoa powder.
 - Add to the butter mixture and beat until incorporated. Stir in the dried cranberries and chocolate chips.
 - Scoop dough onto prepared sheet pans; bake until set, about 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool.