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Hoisin Glazed Duck Confit Tacos with Asian Slaw

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

½ tablespoon sambal

Juice of ½ lime

1 teaspoon fish sauce

½ teaspoon sesame oil

½ teaspoon each onion and garlic powder

½ small onion, thinly sliced

1 jalapeno, minced

1/4 head cabbage, thinly shaved

2 tablespoons peanut oil

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup hoisin sauce

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 teaspoon sesame oil

1 teaspoon sriracha sauce

4 duck confit quarters

12 flour street tacos, warmed

1/4 thinly sliced scallions

- Stir together the six ingredients; season with salt and pepper. Let stand 10 minutes. Stir in cabbage and oil; adjust seasoning. Let stand at least 1 hour before serving.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stir together the hoisin, soy, sesame oil and sriracha sauce. Brush duck legs with some of the sauce (reserve remaining). Roast until warmed through.
- Pick meat from duck quarters. Serve in taco shells topped with slaw and additional glaze. Garnish with scallions.

Lobster Ravioli with Butter and Parsley Sauce

1 tablespoon butter

1 small shallot, minced

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 cup white wine

½ cup heavy cream

½ cup chicken stock

2 tablespoons mascarpone

1 pound lobster ravioli

1 tablespoon each chives and parsley

2 tablespoons grated parmesan

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add shallots and garlic; cook until golden.
- Add wine; bring to a simmer and cook until reduced by one-third.
- Add cream and chicken stock; bring back to a simmer and cook until thickened. Stir in mascarpone. Season with salt and pepper.
- Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Cook ravioli until tender. Drain; add to sauce. Simmer until coated. Stir
 in herbs. Adjust seasoning.



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Roast Pork with Plum Stuffing and Shallot and Armagnac Sauce

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 large onion, finely diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 cups cooked wild rice

½ cup diced dried plums

1/4 cup diced dried apricots

¹/₄ cup chopped walnuts

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

1 small boneless pork loin, butterflied

1/4 cup white wine

1/4 cup chicken stock

1 tablespoon olive oil 1 shallot, minced 2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 cup armagnac

½ cup rich chicken stock

4 tablespoons cold butter

2 tablespoon minced fresh chives

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

- Bring a saute pan to medium heat and add 1 tablespoon of the oil; cook the onions until nicely caramelized. Transfer to a mixing bowl. Stir in rice, dried fruit, apricots, walnuts and cheese. Season with salt and pepper.
- Place pork on a worksurface. Spread filling over pork; roll up and tie with kitchen twine. Transfer pork to roasting pan fitted with a rack. Add wine and stock to bottom of pan.
- Roast until internal temperature reaches 145 degrees. Remove pan from oven and transfer pork a cutting board. Strain any juices in roasting pan; skim fat from surface. Reseve jus; discard fat.
- Bring a saucepan to medium heat; add oil. Cook shallots until light golden; add garlic and cook 1 minute more. Add brandy; cook until reduced by one-third. Add stock and reserved jus; bring to a simmer and cook until reduced by one-third.
- Remove sauce from heat; whisk in butter. Season with herbs, salt and pepper. Slice pork; serve with sauce.

Warm Chocolate Chunk Brownies

6 ounces unsweetened chocolate

1½ sticks unsalted butter

4 large eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla

½ teaspoon salt

1½ cups sugar

1½ cups all-purpose flour

1½ cups finely chopped walnuts

1 cup chunk chocolate

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.
- Melt the chocolate and butter in a saucepan over low heat; stir until smooth and then cool.
- Beat together the eggs, vanilla, salt, and sugar until pale yellow, about 5 to 6 minutes. Stir in the chocolate, and then fold in the flour, nuts, and chocolate chunks.
- Transfer the batter to a pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until set but the center is still moist. Let cool 2 to 3 hours. Cut into squares.