



Brandy snap basket with mascarpone and poached pineapple

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2 hours

Preparation time

1 hour

Cooking time

10 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Brandy snap

105 g unsalted butter105 g plain flour110 g golden syrup255 g pure icing sugar, siftedPure icing sugar extra, for dusting200 g Callebaut milk chocolate

Mascarpone filling

500 g mascarpone75 g pure icing sugar, sifted1 lemon, zested

Poached pineapple

650 g finely diced pineapple1 g cinnamon, ground2 tsp vanilla bean paste40 g raw sugar

To serve

Small block couverture white chocolate

Miele Accessories

Baking tray Vacuum sealing bags

METHOD

Brandy snap

- 1. In a bowl of a freestanding mixer with paddle attachment, combine butter and flour on medium speed. Add in icing sugar and golden syrup. Mix until it comes together to form a dough.
- 2. Press dough into a flat square. Cover with cling wrap and leave to rest in the refrigerator for 1 hour.
- 3. Dust the bench lightly with icing sugar. Using a rolling pin, roll out dough to approximately 2 mm in thickness.
- 4. Cut out 8 cm round discs and place 5 discs onto a Silpat lined baking tray. Make sure you leave plenty of space to allow discs to spread.
- 5. Pre-heat Oven on Conventional at 150°C.
- 6. Place tray on shelf position 2 and bake for approximately 10-12 minutes, or until the discs turn a dark caramel colour.
- 7. Leave to cool at room temperature for a few minutes. As soon as they're firm enough but still flexible, pickup each disc one at a time and place over an inverted 5 cm diameter glass or oil spray canister.
- 8. Flute edges quickly to create a basket shape. If discs go too firm before you shape them, return them to the flat tray and place back into the Oven to soften before reshaping.
- 9. Store brandy snaps in an airtight container at room temperature until required.
- 10. Place chocolate into a plastic bowl and melt in the Microwave on Quickstart or 850W for 30 seconds. Remove from the microwave and stir with a plastic spatula. Heat at 30 second intervals stirring well between.
- 11. Melt the chocolate until it is approximately 50% liquid and 50% solid chocolate. Remove from the microwave and stir vigorously until the solid chocolate is melted.
- 12. After 5 minutes if you still have solid lumps of chocolate, gently warm the bowl with a hair dryer or heat gun.
- 13. To test if the chocolate has been tempered correctly, dip the edge of a plastic scraper into the chocolate and leave for 5 minutes. If it sets within this time frame, it's set correctly.
- 14. Once tempered, brush the base and 2cm up the sides of the brandy snap basket with a thin layer of chocolate. Leave at room temperature to set.

Poached pineapple

- 1. Place all ingredients into a large vacuum sealing bag into the Vacuum Sealing Drawer and vacuum on setting 3 and seal on setting 3.
- 2. Place sealed bag on a wire rack in the Steam Oven and sous-vide at 65°C for 30 minutes.
- 3. Remove pineapple and strain liquid through a sieve. Set aside to cool.

Mascarpone filling

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl and gently fold to combine. Don't overmix as the mascarpone can split.

To serve

- 1. Place a spoonful of mascarpone into the base of each basket followed by a tablespoon of pineapple. Repeat with another layer of mascarpone and pineapple.
- 2. Create chocolate curls by placing chocolate block into the Microwave at 850W for 10 seconds.
- 3. Using a vegetable peeler, peel along the edge of the block to create curls.
- 4. Garnish the top of the baskets with curls and serve immediately.

Hints and tips

- Chocolate can also be tempered in a saucepan on Induction setting 3. Melt until 75% liquid and 25% solid chocolate.
- Brandy snap dough will keep frozen for up to 1 month.
- Pineapple can be made up to 3 days before serving.