



Mussel stew

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25 minutes

Preparation time

20 minutes

Cooking time

4

Serves

INGREDIENTS

50 g olive oil
40 g onion, diced
5 g red chilli flakes
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 kg mussels
150 g dry vermouth or dry white wine
200 g chicken stock
2 vine ripe tomatoes, diced

To serve

Flat leaf parsley, cut into long, thin strips
Fresh green chilli, sliced

METHOD

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a large, deep pan over medium-low heat, induction setting 4.
- 2. Add the onion and garlic, stirring occasionally, and cook until the onion is soft and fragrant, about 3-4 minutes.
- 3. Stir in the red chilli flakes and cook for 1 minute.
- 4. Increase the heat to high, induction setting 8 then add the wine to deglaze the pan. Bring to a boil and simmer for 2 minutes to cook off the alcohol.
- 5. Add the chicken stock and diced tomatoes. Stir well and lower the heat to simmer for 10 minutes, allowing the mixture to reduce slightly and develop into a rich sauce.
- 6. Add the mussels to the pan and stir to coat them in the sauce.
- 7. Cover the pan with a lid, lower the heat to medium-high, and cook for 3-4 minutes, shaking the pan once or twice. The mussels are ready when they have opened.
- 8. Discard any that remain closed.
- 9. Toss in the parsley and adjust the seasoning to taste.

To serve

- 1. Plate in bowl or platter to share.
- 2. Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil and garnish with additional parsley and fresh green chilli slices.
- 3. Serve immediately with crusty bread to soak up the flavourful sauce.