

CHILI CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Servings: 4 Pre-class Prep Required

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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

- □ mix master or kitchen aid machine or hand mixer
- large stainless steel bowl
- medium wire whisk(balloon whisk)
- dutch oven
- **G** glass measuring cup
- measuring spoons
- medium bowl
- strainer
- rubber spatula

INGREDIENTS:

- **2** tbsp chili flakes
- □ 5 oz or ³/₂ cup of 35% heavy cream for chili "tea"
- □ 10 oz or 1 ¼ cup 35% heavy cream for whipped cream
- □ 8 oz or 1 cup good quality dark chocolate
- □ 1 tbsp cold water
- □ ¼ packet or 1 tsp gelatin
- □ ½ cup brandy or dark rum
- 2 whole eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- □ ⅓ cup sugar

PRE-CLASS PREP:

- 1. Chop chocolate into pea-sized chunks.
- 2. Dissolve ¼ packet or 1 tsp of gelatin into 1 tbsp cold water.
- 3. Separate 2 egg yolks and put yolks into a bowl with 2 other eggs.

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Pour ³/₃ cup of heavy cream into a small microwavable bowl or 1 cup glass measuring cup and place in the microwave for 45 seconds or longer in order to bring to a boil.
- 2. Remove from the microwave and add chili flakes.
- 3. Cover and allow the cream to cool and chilli flakes to seep for at least 10 to 12 mins., depending on your level of desired spiciness.
- 4. While the chili flakes are seeping, whip cream until soft peaks are formed, using a mixmaster or hand held whisk. (But your arm will get tired... trust)
- 5. Refrigerate whipped cream until we are ready to use.
- 6. Strain chilies from cream and discard chili flakes but keep cream, this is where we are going to decide how much spice is enough by tasting the cream, adding a few more chili flakes if needed.
- 7. Place chopped dark chocolate into a microwaveable 2 cup glass measuring cup and put into the microwave to melt.
- 8. Melt chocolate in 45 second intervals stirring between each interval whenever possible.

- 9. When chocolate is completely melted it should be fluid, and slightly hot, set hot chocolate aside until we are ready to put together the mousse.
- 10. Dissolve gelatin in cold water and let stand.
- 11. Reheat spicy cream mixture in the microwave for 20 seconds
- 12. Over medium heat place a dutch oven with 1 inch of water inside and bring to a boil, this will become your "bain marie" or water bath, we are going to use this method to make a "sabayon"
 - a. In a large stainless steel bowl put your whole eggs, egg yolks, sugar and Brandy or dark Rum all together.
 - b. Place this large bowl over your water bath and with a wire whisk begin to whisk vigorously while turning the bowl at the same.
 - c. When mixture becomes thick and pale in color and large ribbons are formed, remove from the water bath and place on the counter.
- 13. Place dissolved gelatin into your warm egg and sugar mixture and while using a rubber spatula gently mix to incorporate.
- 14. Fold melted dark chocolate along with half of the still warm spicy cream into the "sabayon" gently folding to incorporate.
- 15. Add the last of the spicy cream mixture to the chocolate "sabayon" mixture, folding until the entire mixture is smooth, do not overmix.
- 16. Remove whipped cream from the fridge and fold into a slightly warm chocolate sabayon mixture.
- 17. Pour the chocolate mousse into your decorative serving bowl, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until serving.