

Recipes Created by Chêne Bleu's Chef Victor Guerin

# ROASTED PUMPKIN SOUP

Serves 8

A delicious seasonal soup to cook in the holiday season and the cold weather

6 cups vegetable stock
1½ tsp salt
1 tbsp olive oil
1 large pumpkin
1 tsp chopped fresh parsley
1 cup chopped onion
½ tsp chopped fresh thyme
1 clove garlic, minced
½ cup heavy whipping cream
5 whole black peppercorns

## Suitable for vegetarians

- Preheat the oven at 160°C/320°F, cut the pumpkin in half and take out the seeds.
- Place the pumpkin (skin on) onto a tray and drizzle with olive oil.
   Cook for 30 minutes or until tender. Take out the skin and mash it into a purée.
- Heat stock, salt, pumpkin, onion, thyme, garlic, and peppercorns. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 30 minutes uncovered.
- Mix the soup in small batches (1 cup at a time) using a food processor or blender. Return to pan and bring to a boil again.
- Stir in heavy cream. Pour into soup bowls and garnish with fresh parsley.

TO PAIR WITH CHÊNE BLEU ALIOT



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# MY MOTHER'S RATATOUILLE

Serves 4

The most quintessential Provençal side-dish, traditionally served with roast lamb but delicious with most meats.

2 medium zucchinis, diced
2 medium eggplants, diced
1 large onion, diced
2 garlic gloves, minced
1 large tomato, diced
2 tbsp olive oil
2 tsp salt
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp cumin powder
1 bay leaf
2 fresh thyme sprigs

#### Suitable for vegans

- In a large pot or a Dutch oven, heat the olive oil for the ratatouille.
- Cook the eggplants first, followed by the onion, garlic, zucchini and tomato
- If you want to be fancy you can cook each vegetable separately, so each texture is perfect, then mix.
- Add salt and pepper.
- Add the herbs and cumin.
- Cook with a lid on low heat for 30 to 45 minutes and adjust salt if necessary.
- You can serve the ratatouille hot or cold.

TO PAIR WITH CHÊNE BLEU HÉLOÏSE



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# BUDDHA'S HAND HONEY CRÈME BRÛLÉE

Serves 4

It's always fun to recreate recipes swapping out traditional ingredients with something exotic if it's available

1 cup milk
1 cup double cream
4 egg yolks
2 tbsp sugar
3 tbsp citrus honey or white flower
honey
1 tbsp Buddha's Hand zest (or lemon)

### Suitable for vegetarians

- Preheat the oven to 300°F
- Combine the milk, cream, honey, and half of the Buddha's hand zest in a medium sized saucepan. Warm on a medium heat and bring almost to a boil
- Combine the sugar and the egg yolk in a mixing bowl and whisk for 1 minute until pale in colour.
- Pour the warmed milk and cream mixture into the sugar and egg and gently mix.
- Place four ramekins into a roasting tray. Fill the tray half full with water.
- Pour the prepared mixture into the ramekins.
- Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. The middle should be slightly wobbly.
- Remove from the oven and cool, then place in the fridge and chill completely.
- Before serving, sprinkle with brown sugar and use a blow torch to melt the sugar until caramelised. Top with the remaining Buddha's

TO PAIR WITH CHÊNE BLEU ROSÉ