

Getting together with family and friends, decorating the tree, holiday traditions, giving and receiving. All of these are the things that create excitement and beautiful memories for everyone.

These are the things that make the holidays so magical.

This year our Celebrations magazine is chock full of ideas to help you create excitement and new memories, with so many delicious recipes and some tips for stress-free entertaining. There are even ways to enjoy the outdoors — from grilling to winter activities, each paired with its own comfort food.

May you all enjoy the magic of this holiday season,

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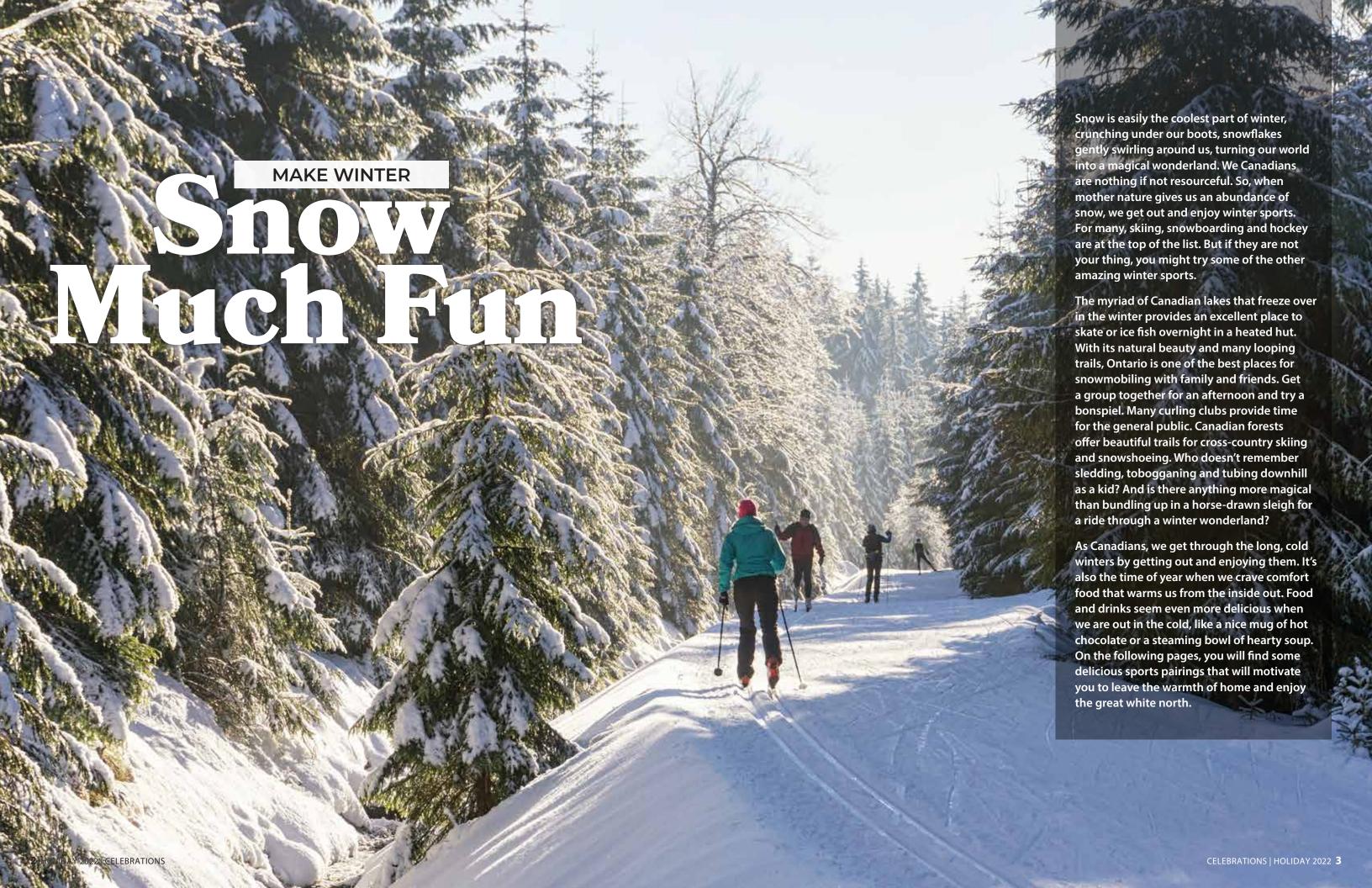
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**OUR HOLIDAY SELECTION** 



SILLY COW

Made with only 2 ingredients, cocoa and natural cane sugar. Silly Cow Farms' hot chocolate in an iconic pint milk bottle that blends to perfection.



#### DONINI CHOCOLATE **BOMBS**

Hot chocolate bombs are a fun spin on this cozy classic drink made from Donini milk and dark couverture gourmet chocolate.



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Pour hot milk or water over this marzipan hot chocolate mix and experience the sweet almond and chocolate aroma wafting up as it transports you to somewhere heavenly for a few seconds a unique winter treat.



#### McSTEVEN'S

Gourmet hot chocolate that has everyone's favourite flavours. Add the mix, pour your favourite milk and enjoy! Great for staying warm in the snow!



**ROCHEF SPOONS** 

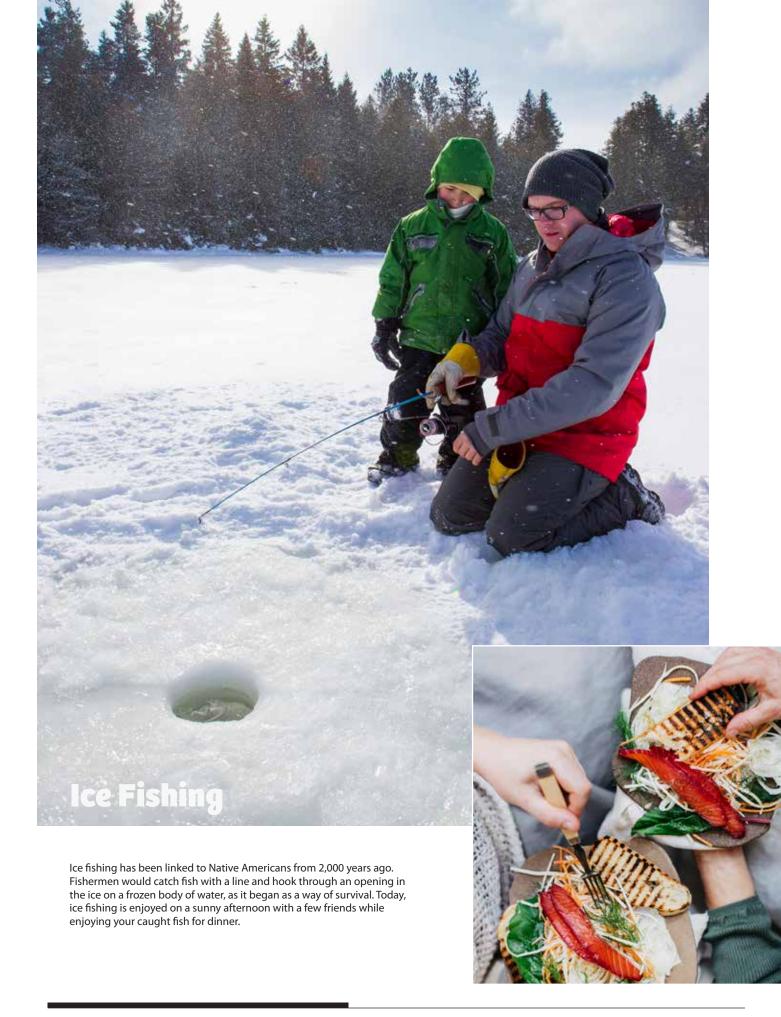
Warm your milk, put the chocolate spoon in your cup, and stir. As the chocolate melts, it will give you the best hot chocolate that satisfies your craving for something sweet and creamy.



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#### SLAP SHOT PULLED PORK POUTINE

1 package Denninger's Seasoned Potato Home Fries ■ 1 package Black River Cheese Curds ■ 1 container Denninger's Beef Gravy ■ 1 package Denninger's Pulled Pork

Cook both the Denninger's Seasoned Home fries and Pulled Pork using package directions.

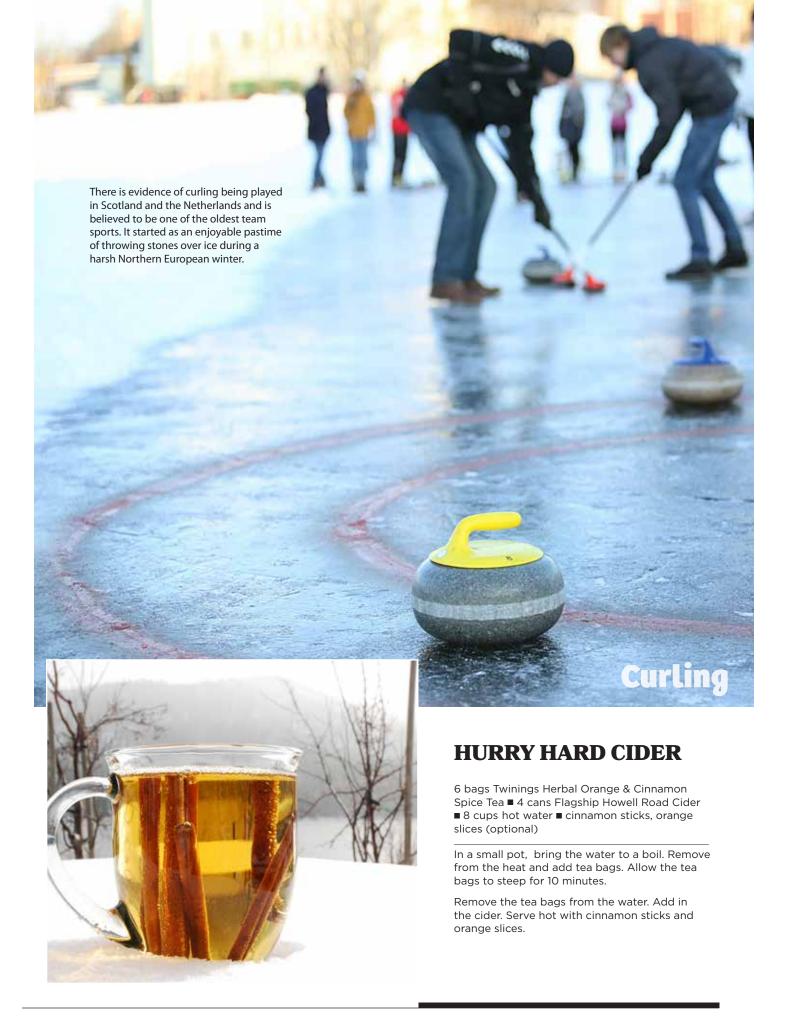
Heat beef gravy in a small saucepan. Continue cooking, stirring often, for 3-5 minutes, or until gravy thickens. Reduce heat to low to keep gravy warm.

Once the home fries are done, transfer fries to a large serving bowl.

If needed, increase the heat on the gravy to ensure it is hot. Pour several ladles of gravy over the fries. Add most of the cheese curds and pulled pork, topping the home fries completely.

Top with remaining cheese curds, pulled pork, and another spoonful of gravy. Serve immediately.







# Redefine your idea of a Snack















Happiness in Every Bite

### Meet our famous "Brats"

#### **BILLIE & MILLIE BRATWURST** FROM SAUSAGEVILLE.

Denninger's mascots are goodwill ambassadors representing Denninger's in the community.

Born in 2000, Billie and Millie and their little brother Willie have visited many festivals, restaurants and store events to the delight of children of all ages.



Here's Billie & Millie greeting Denninger's customers.





Billie running

lebrating Denninger's 65th Anniversary.

# Billie & Millie's Winter Adventure

It was a cold morning in Sausageville, but the shining sun made the snow look beautiful when Millie opened her eyes. She threw off her blankets and raced to the window, staring in wonder at the fresh blanket of white powder that had fallen overnight. "Billie!" she cried, "Wake up! Winter has come while we were sleeping." In an instant her brother Billie was by her side, and the two of them wasted no time putting on their hats and scarves. It was the first snowfall of the year, and they were eager to get outside.

Sausageville was transformed into a winter wonderland, and soft snow flakes danced around Bille and Millie as they made their way through Skillet Square and past the houses on Butcher's Row. As they turned the corner and approach the big hill at the edge of town, Millie gasped at the sight before their eyes. The big hill which was covered in kids racing down the slippery slope. Millie and Billie watched as one by one, the children pulled their sleds up the steep slope and whizzed to the bottom.

Millie and Billie climbed to the top of the big hill. From here they could see an or Sausagevine and the kids throwing snowballs in Skillet Square. "Oh Billie," Millie sighed, "I sure do wish we had toboggans of our own so we could try this." She inched closer to the edge of the hill, watching the other kids laugh and race their sleds to the bottom. Suddenly, the snow watching the other kids laugh and race their sleds to the bottom. Suddenly, the snow beneath her moved forward and her feet gave way. She heard Billie calling behind her, "Millie, be careful!" It was too late, she had slipped. Before she knew it, she was on her back reging down the high bill back racing down the big hill!

Millie felt the wind in her face as she flew downwards through the snow. With glee she realized that she did not need a sled, she was the perfect shape for tobogganing! When she reached the bottom of the hill, she looked up to see Billie close behind her. She watched as he slid down the slope with a ner. She watched as he shu down the slope with a grin on his face. "Who knew sausages could slide!"
Billie exclaimed, "It looks like we're slippery enough on our own, Millie!"

Millie and Billie spent the rest of the day slipping and sliding down the big hill with the other kids. When the sun finally set that day, they made their way home and tucked themselves into their cozy bun beds. They fell fast asleep dreaming of sauerkraut and mustard, knowing they would never forget their first winter tobogganing adventure.

on't let the chill of winter stop you from enjoying your favourite grilled foods. You're Canadian. Grilling is a year-round event! Break out that BBQ when you feel the winter blues, and enjoy a juicy grilled prime rib steak while the snow falls. According to a recent \*Weber survey, 40% of Canadians consider themselves all-season grillers, with 13% actually grilling for Christmas and on New Year's Eve or Day. They feel everything tastes better grilled.



Low & slow cooking in a controlled, smoky environment for food smoking. Great for meats, cheese, vegetables and more.



Typically has burners emitting around 40,000 BTUs of heat, firing on three, four, or more burners to cook your food from below with either direct or indirect heat.



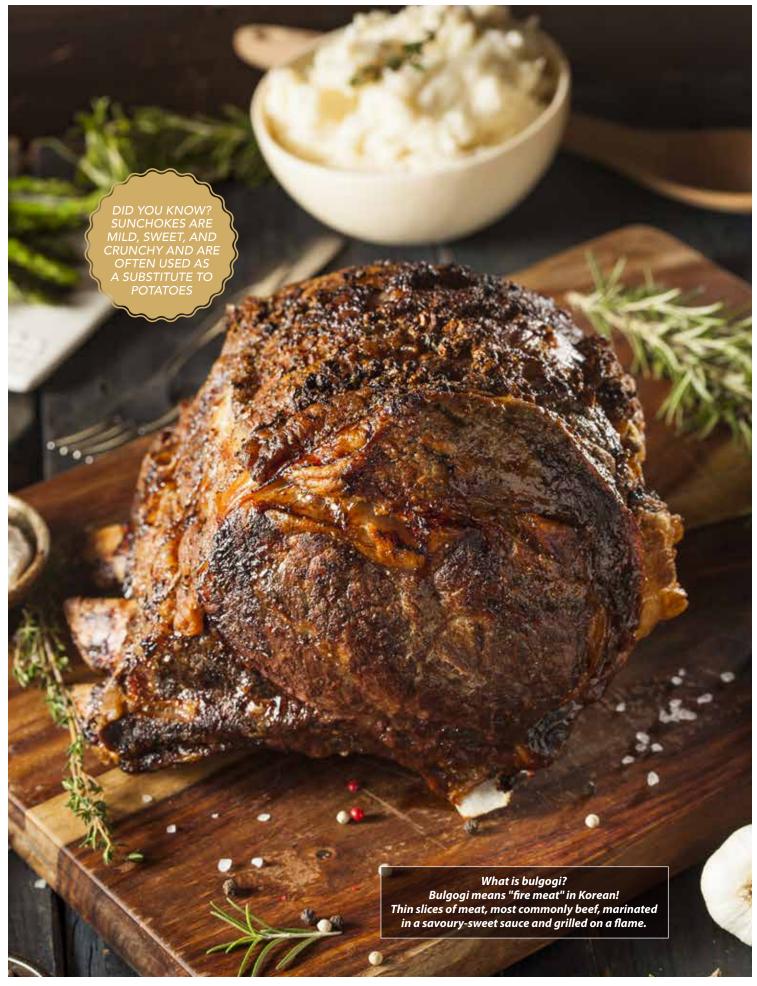
Ideally, using hardwood such as oak, ash, or beech works best and adds to the flavour. Cooking on open embers, remember, you are aiming for slow, steady cooking is a great way to bring ultimate flavour to your food – both meat and vegetables.



They have long been a favourite of outdoor cooks for many reasons. A charcoal grill is easy to use, and foodies crave the smoky, rich flavour that charcoal reveals.

TURN UP THE HEAT AND Grill in the Chill WINTER GRILLING SURVIVAL KIT ■ Long Handle Tools ■ Meat Thermometer ■ Heat-Resistant Gloves ■ Flashlight ■ Spray Bottle ■ Warm Clothes CELEBRATIONS | HOLIDAY 2022 17

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#### ROTISSERIE GRILLED **BULGOGI PRIME RIB ROAST WITH** ROASTED SUNCHOKE PURÉE

5 lb bone-in prime rib roast

#### Marinade

1 small pear, peeled and coarsely grated ■ 1/2 cup Kikkoman Soy Sauce ■ 4 tbsp brown sugar ■ 4 tbsp toasted sesame oil ■ 6 cloves garlic, minced ■ 2 tbsp freshly grated ginger ■ 2 tbsp Kikkoman Hot Chilli Sriracha Sauce ■ 3 green onions, thinly sliced ■ 2 tsp toasted sesame seeds

#### **Roasted Sunchoke Purée**

6 cups sunchokes (Jerusalem artichoke), washed, chopped into 1-2 inch pieces (no need to peel) ■ 1/4 cup water ■ 1 onion, roughly chopped ■ 2 tbsp olive oil ■ 2 tbsp butter ■ 1/2 cup Greek yogurt ■ 2 tbsp sour cream ■ 2 green onions, finely chopped ■ salt & pepper ■ pinch of nutmeg

#### Marinade

In a medium bowl, combine pear, soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil, garlic, ginger and sriracha sauce. Place the marinade mixture in an extra-large Ziploc bag. Add roast and marinate the meat for at least 2-12 hours or overnight, turning the bag occasionally.

Preheat your grill to 450°F for indirect heat. Turn burners 1 and 4 on high with the middle two burners turned off.

Timing takes 16-18 minutes per pound. Plan on around 2 hours of cook time. You'll know when it's time to remove the prime rib from the grill when the internal temperature measured by a meat thermometer reaches 125-128°F (for medium rare).

Next, remove the roast from the grill and allow the prime rib to rest for 30 minutes before serving. During this time, carry over cooking will increase the internal temperature of the roast to 135°F. Carve and serve with sunchoke purée.

#### Make the sunchoke purée

Heat oil in a large skillet, preferably cast iron (you'll need a lid), over medium-high heat. Add sunchokes and 1/4 cup water and season with salt and pepper. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until sunchokes are fork-tender, 8-10 minutes.

Uncover skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until water is evaporated, and sunchokes begin to brown and crisp, 8-10 minutes longer; and set aside

While the sunchokes are cooking, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until lightly caramelized.

Transfer the onion and sunchokes to the bowl of a food processor and purée. Add the butter, yogurt, sour cream, salt, and pepper, nutmeg and purée some more. Start with two teaspoons of salt and one teaspoon of pepper. Adjust seasoning according to taste. Garnish with finely chopped green onions and a drizzle of olive oil sunchoke purée has a brownish colour because the skins were left on.



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#### COFFEE & COCOA RUBBED BRISKET WITH PINK PEPPERCORN WHISKEY CREAM SAUCE

A coffee-based rub pairs well with beef because of its bold but soft flavours creating a thick, charred crust that largely remains on the outside of the brisket.

15-pound beef brisket roast ■ 6 cups hickory wood chips

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1 tbsp Muskoka Roastery Coffee, Loon Call Coffee, ground ■ 2 tsp cocoa powder ■ 2 tsp kosher salt ■ 1 tbsp dark brown sugar ■ 1 tsp ancho chili powder ■ 1 tsp garlic powder ■ 1 tsp onion powder ■ 1 tsp ground cumin ■ 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper

#### Whiskey Cream Sauce

1 cup beef broth ■ 1/4 cup shallots, peeled and finely chopped ■ 2 tbsp pink peppercorns, cracked ■ 3 tbsp whiskey ■ 1 cup whipping cream ■ 1/2 tsp stone ground mustard ■ 2 tbsp Cows Creamery Unsalted Butter

#### Grill

Soak the wood chips in water for at least 1 hour; drain.

#### Dub

Combine the coffee and the next 8 ingredients in a bowl. Pat brisket dry; rub the meat with coffee, and cocoa mixture and let stand for 1 hour.

Place a handful of wood chips in either a smoker box or foil smoke pouch.

Preheat your grill for 15 minutes or until the temperature on your grill reaches 500°F to 550°F.

Turn off one side of the grill. Place the smoker box or pouch on the high heat side of the grill for about 15 minutes or until it starts to smoke; replace the grill rack, and reduce heat to medium-low to maintain a temperature at 225°F.

Place the brisket on the grill and close lid; cook on indirect heat for 6 hours or until a meat thermometer registers 195°F. Add additional wood chips every hour or so of cooking for the first 4 hours to maintain smoke; cover brisket with foil for the remaining 2 hours. Remove from grill. Transfer to cutting board and let stand, covered 30 minutes.

Cut brisket across grain into thin slices; serve with whiskey cream sauce.

#### **Whiskey Cream Sauce**

For the sauce, melt 1 tbsp of the butter over low heat. Add the shallots and cook until softened. Add the broth and pepper. Reduce to half. Add whiskey, cream, and mustard; reduce again to the desired amount.

Remove from heat and swirl in the remaining butter. Allow to cool slightly to thicken.

# CHARRED BALSAMIC ROSEMARY ONIONS

6 small to medium red onions ■ 9 tbsp balsamic vinegar ■ salt, to taste ■ 1-1/4 cups butter ■ 6 rosemary sprigs ■ freshly ground black pepper

Prepare your barbeque for cooking over medium heat.

Cut a deep cross into the top of each onion, cutting one-third of the way into each.

Force your thumb into the incision and pinch it open a little. Place 1-2 teaspoons of the vinegar inside, then season with salt and pepper. Press a cube of butter into each onion, followed by a spring of rosemary.

Arrange three squares of foil per onion. Place the onion in the center of the layers of foil, bring the edges up and together over the top of the onion and twist lightly together. Place directly on on the grill. Cook for 30-40 minutes until the onions are tender.

Remove and carefully untwist the foil. Gently pinch open the onion and divide the remaining butter and vinegar over them.

Rewrap the onions and allow them to cook for an additional 10 minutes. Once fully cooked, remove onions from the heat and allow them to stand for a few minutes. Remove them from the foil and transfer them to a serving plate.

Gently squeeze the bottom of the onions, like a baked potato, so they open a little.



# BROCCOLI BACON CRANBERRY SALAD

8 cups broccoli, cut into small florets ■ 1/3 cup red onion diced ■ 1/2 cup dried cranberries ■ 1/4 cup pumpkin seeds ■ 4 strips Denninger's Smoked Side Bacon, fried and torn into bits

#### Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise ■ 3 tbsp apple cider vinegar ■ 3 tbsp sugar

In a small bowl, mix all dressing ingredients together and set aside.

In a salad bowl, combine the salad ingredients. Pour the dressing over and mix well. Refrigerate for 2-3 hours before serving, toss before serving.

# SWISS FONDUE PULL APART GARLIC BREAD

1 Denninger's Artisan San Francisco Sourdough Bread ■ 8 tbsp Gay Lea Garlic Parsley Butter ■ 1 Reserve du Chateau Swiss fresh fondue

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Cut the loaf of bread on a diagonal using a serrated knife into 1-inch slices, turn the loaf a quarter and repeat to make a diamond pattern. Make sure not to cut all the way through. Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat.

Take a pastry brush to coat the inside cut surfaces of the bread with the melted butter mixture. Take the shredded cheese and stuff the cracks with the cheese. Wrap the bread in foil and place it on a baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes. After that, take off the foil and bake for 10 more minutes. Best served warm.

# CEDAR PLANKED AGED CHEDDAR POTATOES

2 Denninger's Aged Cheddar Scalloped Potatoes ■ 1/3 cup Denninger's Special Reserve Cheddar, grated ■ 1 green onion, slightly sliced ■ 1 cedar plank, soaked in water

Soak a cedar plank in water for at least one hour.

Defrost Denninger's Aged Cheddar Scalloped Potatoes. Prepare the grill for indirect medium heat, 350°F. Mound the potatoes on the cedar plank and top with additional cheese and green onion.

Grill over heat for approximately 20-25 minutes until lightly brown. Place the cedar plank directly on the table to serve!

# HONEY HOT CHICKEN WINGS WITH BLOOD ORANGE RUM SAUCE

1 cup fresh blood orange juice (2 oranges) ■ 2 tbsp orange zest, grated (3 oranges) ■ 2 oz rum ■ 1 tbsp honey ■ 6 garlic cloves, minced ■ 1/4 cup Kikkoman Soy Sauce ■ 1 tbsp brown sugar ■ 2 tbsp flour ■ 1-1/2 tsp salt ■ 1/2 tsp fresh-ground black pepper ■ 4 lbs chicken wings

Create a fire pit and light the fire, and place a grill over the open heat. Allow burning until the flames are minimal.

In a large bowl, combine the orange juice with the orange zest, rum, honey, garlic, soy sauce, brown sugar, flour, salt, and pepper. Mix well. Reserve 1/4 cup of the orange mixture.

Add the chicken wings and toss to coat to evenly coat each wing. Place wings in a grill basket. Cook for 20 minutes. Remove the basket and baste them with the reserved orange mixture. Cook for another 20 minutes until the wings are crispy.

Tip: Add an ounce of hot sauce to add some heat.

#### **WINTER SLAW**

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4 cups green cabbage, shredded ■ 1 small fennel bulb, thinly sliced ■ 1 cup carrots, shredded ■ 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced into bite-sized pieces ■ 2 medium green onions, finely sliced ■ 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped ■ 1/2 cup salted peanuts, chopped (optional)

#### **Ginger Peanut Dressing**

1/4 cup honey ■ 1/4 cup vegetable oil ■ 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
■ 1 tbsp Kikkoman Soy Sauce ■ 1 tsp toasted sesame oil ■ 1 tbsp
smooth peanut butter ■ 1/2 tsp salt ■ 1 tsp Kikkoman Hot Chili
Sriracha Sauce (optional) ■ 1 tbsp fresh ginger, minced ■ 1 garlic
clove. minced

In a medium bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients (be sure the peanut butter is dissolved). Set aside.

Combine the vegetables in a large mixing bowl. Add the dressing and toss well. Let the slaw sit for at least ten minutes so the vegetables have a chance to soak up the dressing. Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary. Just before serving, add the chopped peanuts. Serve cold.

*Tip:* The dressing can be prepared up to 2 days before; store it in a covered container in the refrigerator.



#### PINEAPPLE MARGHERITA HAM

8-10 lb Denninger's bone-in ham ■ 2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice ■ 1 fresh pineapple, peeled, cored, and sliced into 1/8" thick slices

#### Glaze

2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice ■ 2 tbsp Dijon whole-grain mustard ■ 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed ■ 1/2 cup honey ■ 1/4 cup fresh lime juice ■ 2 tbsp lime zest ■ 1/4 cup tequila

**Prepare the glaze:** In a small saucepan, stir together pineapple juice, brown sugar, honey, Dijon mustard, lime juice, zest and tequila. Bring the ingredients to a boil and then lower heat to simmer, stirring occasionally, until the mixture becomes slightly syrupy (about 10-15 minutes). Set aside.

One hour before cooking, prepare the ham: Line a roasting pan with aluminum foil. Place ham in the pan, flat-side down. Using a sharp knife, score the surface of the ham with 1/4-inch-deep cuts in a diamond pattern.

Arrange pineapple slices evenly over the top of the ham, and secure with toothpicks. Spoon some of the glaze over the ham.

Prepare the grill for indirect medium-low heat, 325°F, with the heat on the sides of the grill and no heat in the middle.

Place the pan with the ham in the middle of the grill so the lit burners are not directly below it. Close the lid and bake the ham at 325°F for about 2-2 1/2 hours, basting with the extra glaze and pan juices every 30 minutes. Cover the ham loosely with aluminum foil when it reaches the desired colour to prevent excess browning.

Let the ham stand for at least 15 minutes, remove toothpicks, and carve.

Denninger's
Hams are
naturally smoked
and fully cooked.
Just reheat



# LOW & SLOW OF PORK SHOULDER

4 lb boneless pork shoulder ■ 2 tbsp olive oil ■ 1/4cup apple juice ■ 1/4 cup cider vinegar

#### Rub

- 2 tbsp black pepper 2 tbsp kosher salt ■ 1 tbsp smoked paprika ■ 1 tbsp ground cumin ■ 1 tbsp garlic powder ■ 1 tbsp onion powder ■ 1 tbsp mustard powder
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper

#### Orange Cranberry Beer Glaze

1 cup cranberries ■ 1/4 cup orange juice, freshly squeezed ■ 1/4 cup Nickel Brook Core Beliefs Apple IPA ■ 4 tbsp brown sugar, to taste ■ 1 tsp orange zest

The cook time for smoking a pork shoulder is around 90 minutes per pound: Preheat the smoker to 250°F. Apple or hickory wood works well with pork.

Let the pork sit at room temperature for 30 minutes. Combine all the rub ingredients in a small bowl. Trim away any excess fat. Rub pork with olive oil and coat the pork with rub on all sides. Fill a foil pan with water and set it on one side of the smoker grate to keep the pork moist.

Fill a food-safe spray bottle with apple juice and apple cider vinegar. Place the pork shoulder on the smoker grate and smoke at 250°F for 2 hours. Each hour, open up the smoker and spritz pork with apple juice and vinegar.

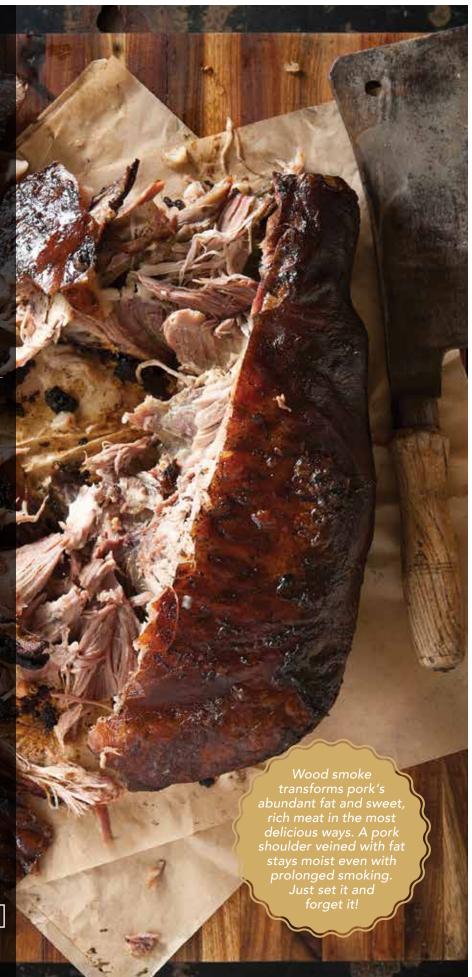
When the internal temperature reaches 165°F, spritz the pork again and wrap it with foil. Return it to the smoker and smoke at 225°F for approximately 2 more hours, or until it reaches an internal temperature of between 195-205°F.

Remove the pork from the smoker and let it rest for a minimum of 20 minutes. Shred the pork with two forks or slice in thick slices and serve with Orange Cranberry Beer Glaze.

#### Orange Cranberry Beer Glaze

Place ingredients into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Stir until sugar dissolves. Cook for about 15 minutes, until the cranberries have burst and the sauce starts to thicken. Pulse the sauce in a food processor until smooth.

Pork + Spice + Smoke = Deliciousness!





# SKILLET BLOOD ORANGE CAKE WITH CARAMEL RACLETTE SAUCE & GRAND MARNIER CRÈME

#### Cake

1/2 lb puff pastry, thawed if frozen ■ pie weights or dried beans, as needed ■ 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature ■ 1/2 cup dark brown sugar ■ 1 orange, zest ■ 1 lemon, zest

- 2 tsp vanilla extract 1 tbsp almond extract 2 large eggs
- 1 cup almond flour 3 tbsp all-purpose flour 1/2 tsp fine sea salt 1 medium orange, peeled, cut into thin slices 3 medium blood oranges, peeled, cut into thin slices turbinado sugar, as needed for finishing

#### **Raclette Caramel Sauce**

1/2 cup dark brown sugar ■ 1/4 cup 35% cream ■ 1-1/2 tbsp unsalted butter ■ 1/4 tsp freshly grated nutmeg ■ generous pinch of sea salt ■ 3/4 cup Emmi Raclette Cheese, diced

#### **Grand Marnier Crème**

1 cup 35% whipping cream ■ 2 tbsp Grand Marnier

Preheat the grill to 400°F. Have ready a 12-inch oven-safe skillet, preferably cast iron.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the puff pastry dough into a circle 1/4 inch thick — you want it to be larger than the 12-inch skillet by about 2 inches. (If you're using puff pastry sheets, attach the sheets together with a bit of water, roll out gently to flatten, then trim into a circle shape)

Gently spread out the dough into the skillet. Fold the excess over the side of the pan at the edges, then trim any excess past the rim away with scissors. Dock the base and sides of the dough all over with a fork. Cut a piece of parchment paper slightly larger than the skillet, press it into the skillet and place it on top of the dough. Fill the parchment with pie weights or beans up to the top edge of the skillet. Par-bake the dough on the grill. Cover and bake until it begins to brown lightly at the edges, about 12-15 minutes. Remove the parchment with the pie weights and return to the grill for 3-4 minutes. Let cool completely.

In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter, brown sugar, orange zest, and lemon zest until light and fluffy, 4-5 minutes. Add the vanilla and almond extracts and mix to combine. Add the eggs one at a time and mix until well combined. Scrape the bowl well. Add the almond flour, all-purpose flour, and salt and mix until fully incorporated.

Spread the almond cream into an even layer on the par-baked crust. Arrange the orange slices in concentric circles on top of



the filling, and garnish with a generous sprinkling of turbinado sugar. Place the skillet on the grill. Cover and bake until the exposed pastry is deeply golden brown and the almond filling is set, 30-35 minutes. Cool for at least 15 minutes before serving. If desired, sprinkle powdered sugar around the edge of the pastry.

While the cake cools, make the caramel sauce. In a small pot, stir the brown sugar, cream, and butter to combine. Cook, constantly stirring, until the sugar dissolves and the mixture thickens slightly 5 minutes. Stir in the nutmeg, salt, and raclette and stir until the cheese has melted. Drizzle the caramel sauce over the cooled cake just before serving. Top with Grand Marnier crème.

To make the crème. Combine 1 cup of 35% cream whipped with 2 tbsp Grand Marnier folded in and topped with toasted almonds.







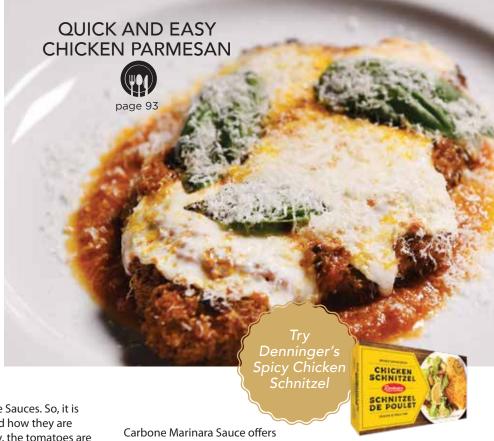


#### About Mario

Born and raised in Queens, NY, Mario has spent the majority of his life studying the culinary arts. At 22, he graduated from The Culinary Institute of America. At 32, he and his partners at Major Food Group opened Carbone on Thompson St. in the legendary Rocco's Restaurant space.

Tomatoes are the main ingredient in Carbone Sauces. So, it is important to know where they are grown and how they are harvested and produced. Imported from Italy, the tomatoes are grown in the volcanic soil of Mount Vesuvius and picked by hand to offer the incomparable taste of the slow-cooked sauces from the kitchen of the world-renowned New York City restaurant, Carbone. Carbone is an Italian-American restaurant made iconic by its celebrity clientele, where delicious, exceptionally well-prepared food is served in elegant, comfortable and unpretentious settings as they were in the mid-20th century. The menu, however, takes its culinary cues from Chef Mario Carbone and the present and future trends.

Each jar of Carbone Sauce is artfully crafted to give you a flavour experience that surpasses homemade tomato sauce. Cooked in small batches to deliver consistency and quality, Carbone Sauces are all-natural, plant-based, gluten-free, non-GMO, Kosher, Keto, and sugar-free.



authentic Italian flavours perfect for pasta, pizza and lasagna. If you like your pasta a little spicier, try the Arrabbiata Sauce made with fresh garlic, onions, and a touch of crushed red pepper flakes – fiery yet balanced. If you enjoy a more earthly flavour, the Mushroom Sauce has added mature cremini mushrooms for a rich and delicious taste. Other sauces in their savoury line-up include Roasted Garlic, Tomato Basil and Delicato for those who may be sensitive to onions and garlic. You can find

For your next Italian feast, let the authentic Italian flavour of Carbone Sauces take you on a sensory journey that will be impossible to resist!

all of these flavours available at Denninger's.

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Andrew McGjowan
DENNINGER'S BUTCHER



#### **MEET SHAWN & ANDREW, OUR BUTCHERS**

Shawn and Andrew have been serving Denninger's customers for over a decade.

Our butchers are professionally trained, experienced and knowledgeable individuals. They will help you select the best cuts of meat and are happy to prepare custom orders. Their commitment to supporting only local farmers who raise their beef, pork and chicken humanely and with pride and tradition ensures you get the best meat available. We like to think our butchers are a cut above!

Denninger's is proud to sell a minimum of AAA-grade beef and premium cuts. The pork is among the highest quality grades and is sourced only from Ontario pigs. Lastly, the chickens are raised in Southern Ontario and are free to run.

In September 2022, Shawn and Andrew attended Ontario's finest butcher competition showcasing their technical knowledge and knife skills and were recognized for their passion over the years.

Denninger's attended the Ontario Finest Meat Competition and won an award for their spinach sausage.



Butchery is considered a fine art. Our butchers must be trained in several unique methods, including cutting, packing, preparing and storing the meat.

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# Ask the experts

**WINE & CHEESE CONNAISSEURS** 

#### Why do cheesemakers age cheese?

**Debbie:** To develop the flavour and bring out the specific characteristics of each style of cheese.

#### Why do people age wine?

Corinne: For some, aging wine can be a wonderful hobby and an exciting experience to share with others. There are many wines that will gain from extra time in the cellar to reveal their true flavours, soften dry tannins and help bring out different complexities. There is nothing more rewarding than opening bottles of wine that spent time aging and sharing them with friends and family!

#### How do you know which cheese is best to age?

**Debbie:** The only style of cheese that is not aged is the fresh unripened variety which, in many cases, can be made packaged and sold on the same day. All other cheese is aged for varying lengths of time depending on the type.

#### How do you know which bottle of wine to age?

Corinne: Certain grape varieties have more aging capabilities than others. These wines will have lots of chewy and grippy tannins that just need time to soften. There are also many entry-level wines that also age well. If the wine has good acidity, balanced alcohol, tannins, and lots of concentrated fruit, it can easily age for a short term, such as 3-5 years.

Champagne and Traditional Method Sparkling wines do not always need to be aged because they have already gone through an aging process with the fermentation, but some do have the potential to age for an additional 10-15 years. When sparkling wine is still on the lees, it helps keep the wine fresh while it ages in the bottle. Once the sparkling wine has been disgorged, the wine will continue to develop flavours of baked bread, toasty brioche, and nutty flavours.

Aging whites, such as Rieslings, can develop a waxy and rich mouthfeel with notes of honey and slight petrol flavours. Chardonnay can be 100% in stainless steel, which acts as a neutral vessel and keeps the natural flavours of the grape varietal. Barrel-fermented Chardonnay can develop more aromas and flavours that occur from winemaking: concentrated vanilla, coconut, caramel, and toasty notes.

Red wines, such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, develop more cooked and dried fruits, tobacco and earthy characteristics. Gamay, Pinot Noir and Syrah develop more smoky flavours and notes of cured meat and violets.







Debbie Levy DENNINGER'S CHEESE EXPERT

#### What is the ideal temperature of a cave?

**Debbie:** Caves provide a constant, cool temperature and high humidity that are perfect for aging cheese. Each cave is unique but roughly 7 to 14°C is average, with 80-98% humidity.

#### What is the ideal temperature of a cellar?

**Corinne:** Wine should be stored at 12-15°C and in a dark room with high humidity.

Timeline of the aging of wine, when is it best to drink, and why does that happen? Aging wine is a very personal experience, and it really depends on your own taste preferences. If you prefer the wine to show brighter fruit and acidity, you should only age the wine for a few years. If you would rather taste more complex, dried, cooked fruit and other flavours, such honey, herbaceous notes, mushroomy forest floor, and earth, then aging longer term would be ideal. If you do plan on aging longer, it is always best to have a few bottles so you can open one up every so often and check the development. Plus, you wouldn't want to only have one bottle after spending all the years aging the wine.

#### Timeline of the aging of cheese, when is it best to eat, and why does that happen?

**Debbie:** Each cheese style has an approximate timeline. Cheesemakers and affineurs carefully monitor each cheese as it ages, bringing it to the perfect texture, flavour and aroma.

#### What is an unusual pairing that works?

**Debbie:** Cheese and chocolate! Dark chocolate is best for most cheese; however, milk chocolate works very well with goat cheese.

#### What is an unusual pairing that works?

Corinne: I love finding unique pairings that I can impress my guests. There is something magical about a creamy, nutty, blue cheese paired with a buttery Chardonnay. There are some rules when pairing wine with food, but always remember that if you love it... enjoy it! When in doubt, sparkling always goes with everything!



efore refrigeration, the natural way of aging cheese was in caves. Underground caves created the ideal conditions for aging cheese, providing a cool, humid environment with a relatively constant temperature. Caves are slightly warmer than your average refrigerator, which helps to create the perfect conditions for aging cheese. The high humidity helps to keep the right amount of moisture in the cheese. The cool consistent temperature allows the cheese to ripen slowly and evenly and gives the cheese the best flavour, texture and colour. Given actual caves are hard to find now, cheesemakers that don't have the use of an actual cave are creating man-made versions replicating the same conditions.

#### **WOOKEY HOLE CAVES**

#### United Kingdom

Located in the Somerset region of England in the village of Wookey Hole is a series of limestone caverns where the Ford Farms — Clothbound Cheddars are given the cave-aging treatment. The cheddars are carried by hand two hundred feet underground, where they are left to mature. The porous nature of the cheese allows it to take on distinctive earthy and nutty flavours from the atmosphere. Ford Farm's Cave Aged Cheddars are made at the dairy in Dorset using milk from local herds. Made by hand using the "cheddaring process," the curds are salted and pressed into a round mould lined with a cloth before being moved to the caves for aging.



#### Cave Aged Cow's Milk (PDO)

Using locally sourced milk and the traditional clothbound method, the texture is firm with a cream-coloured paste. The aroma is complex with sweet, creamy, farmy and earthy notes. Robust and well-rounded, with sweet, salty, earthy, and tangy notes. The cave gives this cheese an earthy, nutty flavour.

#### **Cave Aged Goats Cheese**

This unique cheddar is made using 100% goat's milk and is the only one of its kind to be aged in caves in the UK. The recipe and techniques date back many centuries and are the same method used for their Cave Aged Cow's Milk Cheddar but with goat milk. Firm, mild and savoury with a subtle goat flavour, the cave adds rich, earthy, and nutty flavours with notes of caramel.



#### WINE PAIRING

#### 2021 Sauvignon Blanc

Fresh aromas of lime zest, cut grass, white grapefruit and notes of cracked black pepper on the nose. Refreshing acidity with flavours of lime and white grapefruit, lemon grass and fennel flowers. The finish is cleansing with lingering acidity and notes of minerality.

The cheese becomes very grassy and goaty, while the wines' acidity acts as a palate cleanser and brings out lots more grapefruit, herbaciousness and a touch of jalapeno.

#### **DON JUAN CAVES**

#### Spain

The Don Juan line of Queso Manchego was inspired by the historic method of producing and aging Manchego in wine cellars and caves. The cave was created in southern Spain to mature the cheese. The first-of-its-kind cave-aging facility allows the temperature, humidity, and air quality to reflect the conditions of the La Mancha region.

#### **Cave-Aged Queso Manchego (PDO)**

The cheese is produced according to traditional techniques and PDO regulations using high-quality milk from the Manchega breed of sheep before being transported to the caves to complete the 10-month aging process. Oak barrels and herbs like lavender and thyme infuse the air, making subtle yet noticeable flavour notes. The 10-month-old cheese is intense, reminiscent of Armagnac with herbal notes. A natural rind with an ashy appearance encases the cheese.



#### WINE PAIRING

#### Gamay Blanc de Noir

Fine bubbles in the glass. Aromas of almonds, biscuits, raspberries and white currants with notes of minerality. On the palate, the mousse is fine with bracing acidity and flavours of lemon and raspberries. The finish is long, dry and refreshing, with lingering flavours of tart red raspberries.

Traditional method sparkling wine made entirely from Gamay, the fruit was hand-harvested in September 2019. The grapes were transferred gently into the press, and

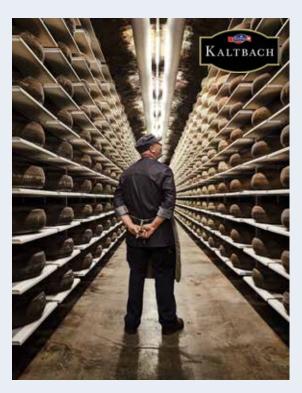
the free-run juice was captured separately to preserve the elegant profile. Primary fermentation was kept cool and in 100% stainless steel. Malolactic fermentation was suppressed to keep the fresh fruit character in the wine. The secondary fermentation occurred in the bottle, and the wine was aged sur lattes for a minimum of 12 months.

When paired with the Manchego, the fine bubbles and acidity cut through the creamy lactic cheese while bringing out lots of earthy flavours in the cheese and also enhancing the fresh dough and sour cherry notes in the sparkling.

#### KALTBACH CAVES

#### Switzerland

Discovered in 1953, the Kaltbach sandstone caves located near Lucerne in the alpine valley date back over 22 million years. The river running through the cave creates a constant humidity, which, combined with the mineral-rich air, produces unique characteristics in all the Kaltbach cheeses.



#### Le Crémeux

Resembling Gruyère, Le Crémeux has more moisture, more cream, and ages for a shorter period (120 days minimum). Made with pasteurized cow's milk, this semi-soft supple cheese keeps you coming back for more. The interior paste is the colour of rich butter with aromas of nuts and a hint of buttery omelet. Le Crémeux is Lactose-free.



#### **WINE PAIRING**2020 Pinot Noir

Intensely aromatic with notes of black cherry and wild strawberry, earthy notes of mushroom and forest floor with vanilla and baking spice. On the palate, it is medium-bodied and structured with fine tannins and refreshing acidity with flavours of dried fig, cherry pit, tart raspberry, wild mushroom and beetroot.

Aged in French barrels for 8 months before release. This wine will develop further complexities with short to medium-term aging.

The cheese brings out flavours of maraschino cherry cream, milk chocolate, and warm spice, while the cheese becomes creamier and nuttier with the wine.

#### **Gruyère (AOP)**

Records show that Le Gruyère has been made in Switzerland since 1115. Kaltbach Le Gruyère is a raw, grass-fed cow's milk cheese aged for 12 months (3 months in the dairy and at least 9 months in the caves), where it develops its fruity tanginess. The light brown rind is rustic in appearance and surrounds the firm interior paste. The aroma is fruity to nutty and a little earthy, which follows through in the flavour. A favourite in fondues usually blended with Appenzeller and Emmentaler. Le Gruyère is Lactose-free.

#### **WINE PAIRING**2020 Reserve Viognier

Intense aromas of orange blossom, white peach, persimmon and cracked white pepper with a touch of vanilla. On the palate, it is rich and luscious with supporting acidity and flavours of spice-poached apricot, tangerine zest and vanilla bean. The finish is long with lingering flavours of vanilla bean.

Aged in French oak for 12 months before release.

The wine really marries well with the creaminess and richness of the cheese. It brings out many complex layers of jammy apricot, orange and vanilla cream in the wine.

#### **Appenzeller**

The history of Appenzeller dates back over 700 years when it was made in the Alps by herdsmen who delivered the cheese as a tithe payment to the St. Gallen monastery. The full-bodied flavour of Appenzeller is created by washing the cheese in the secret legendary herb brine (called Sulz) containing twenty-five herbs, an alcoholic spirit, and other secret ingredients. Made using raw cow's milk and aged for 7 months, this firm cheese has a sharper flavour than Gruyère. Each wheel is hand-picked using strict criteria for aging in the Kaltbach caves. The aroma is cooked milk with a dense, smooth texture and a nutty flavour with a bit of spiciness. Appenzeller is Lactose-free.

## **WINE PAIRING**2020 Gamay

The nose is complex with fruity aromas of black raspberry and black cherry, along with black pepper and stony minerality. Fresh and dry on the palate with flavours of black raspberry, cherry and black pepper with light tannins, balancing acidity and a long finish.

It will undoubtedly reward those who cellar for the short-to-midterm but are drinking perfectly well on release.

Raspberry and black cherry jam with tons of spice and fresh cracked black pepper. The salt in the cheese brings out more fruit, and the Gamay's acidity cuts through the creaminess, finishing extra nutty and mushroomy.

#### Truffle

The Kaltbach Truffle is new to the line of cheeses aged in the Kaltbach caves. Made with pasteurized cow's milk and aged for 4 months, this firm cheese has pieces of summer truffle added to the paste. With its melt-in-the-mouth texture, the flavour is subtle and balanced with the truffles adding a rich earthiness to the taste. Truffle is Lactose-free.

#### ROQUEFORT-SUR-SOULZON COMBALOU CAVES

#### France

Located in the Auvergne region of France is the only area in France where Roquefort can be aged in the natural Combalou caves. The ecosystem in the stone caves is unique. No artificial systems to manage the temperature and humidity in the cave are needed thanks to the fleurines (fractures that let through cold and humid air). The deepest caves in the village are 11 stories deep. Papillon has 8 levels. The time Papillon Roquefort spends in the caves is not the same depending on the level as the temperature changes.

Penicillum Roqueforti is the main strain used to make blue cheese. The legend was born when a shepherd, distracted by a young shepherdess, abandoned his lunch of cheese-on-rye in a cave. Returning several days later, blue mould had grown on this sandwich. Roquefort was born. Until 1976, the village had a baker who custommade bread for cheesemakers to cultivate their own strains of bread loaves. After he retired, many producers went to liquid cultures. Papillon is one of 3 Roquefort makers who did not want to stop the historic practice of growing the mould on rye bread. They created their own bakehouse to keep up with the practice.



#### Papillon Roquefort – Black Label PDO

Papillon, meaning butterfly in French, has been made since 1906. Aged for over 4 months, the cheese must spend a minimum of 2 weeks in the Combalou Caves according to PDO regulations before it can be moved to an aging facility. The black foil wrapping distinguishes the cheese as Papillon's top-of-the-line Roquefort. Semi-soft in texture, the cheese is made using raw sheep milk from the Lacaune breed. Creamy and crumbly, the interior is white, marbled with blue veining. The flavour is sharp and salty but nicely balanced, with a long finish.

#### **WINE PAIRING**Cabernet Merlot

Dark purple in the glass with an intense nose of ripe blueberry, candied black cherry, vanilla, charred oak and milk chocolate. On the palate it is rich, ripe and full-bodied with smooth, young tannins and flavours of black cherries, tiramisu and a touch of smoky oak. The finish is long with drying tannins and lingering acidity.

Delicious now but will show further complexities with a few years in the cellar.

The cheese brings out lots of cherry compote, milk chocolate and spice. Oak comes through on the wine and the cheese is stronger and spicier with earthy tones.



#### **SNOWDONIA CAVES**

#### Wales

A former slate mine, surrounded by the mountains of Snowdonia National Park and the protected Dark Sky Reserve, provided the perfect location for Snowdonia's cheesemakers to age their newest cheese – Rock Star, developed in 2020. The deep slate chambers provide the right conditions to mature their first caveaged cheese.

#### **Rock Star Vintage Cave-Aged Cheddar**

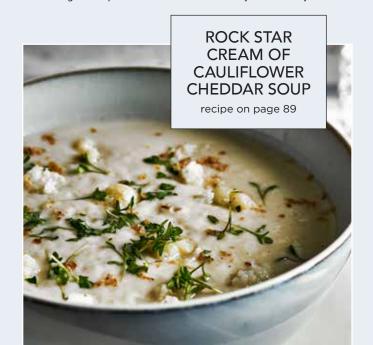
Aging for 18 months in the underground caves gives Rock Star its deep flavour. The texture is smooth and dense yet creamy on the palate, with occasional crunchy crystals. The flavour is complex with sweet, caramel notes leading to a tangy and savoury finish that lingers. After the cheese has finished aging, the slate-coloured wax coating is added to protect the cheese.

#### **WINE PAIRING**2020 Blanc de Blanc

The nose is fresh with notes of starfruit, green apple, lemon, lime zest, mineral and light floral tones with notes of cream and lees. The mousse is fine with a rich, creamy mouthful, refreshing acidity and notes of green apple, key lime and wet stone. The finish is structured and refreshing with lingering minerality.

Indeed, perfect to drink now but will further develop complexities through short to medium-term aging.

The fresh, bright fruit and acidity bring out more creaminess in the cheese, finishing with lots of lemony creams, fresh dough and spice. The cheese finishes salty and buttery!









#### LOBSTER KALTBACH™ LE GRUYÈRE® TRIANGOLI IN A BEURRE BLANC SAUCE

#### Lobster Filling

1 tbsp olive oil ■ 2 cups cooked lobster meat, chopped finely. (Set aside 1/4 cup of lobster meat for garnish)

- 2 shallots, finely minced 1 cup Tre Stelle Ricotta
- 3-4 tsp Kaltbach Le Gruyère, grated 2 tsp parsley, chopped kosher salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste
- 6 fresh pasta sheets

#### **Beurre Blanc Sauce**

1/2 cup dry white wine (such as 13th Street 2020 Reserve Viognier) ■ 2 tbsp lemon juice ■ 2 tbsp 35 % heavy cream ■ 2 tsp shallots, finely minced ■ 4 oz cold unsalted butter,

cubed ■ 1 pinch cayenne pepper ■ salt to taste

#### Filling

Heat a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and heat until the oil begins to shimmer. Add shallots and sauté. Once the shallots have softened, add the chopped lobster meat and parsley and stir to combine. Remove pan from heat and mix in the ricotta and Gruyère cheese. Season the mixture with salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Let the filling cool.

#### To make the Triangoli

Cut each pasta sheet into 5cm squares. Pipe or spoon a teaspoon of filling onto one of the halves of the pasta square. Fold the squares in half, pressing the edges firmly to get as much air out as you can. It is important to spend time pressing the edges down hard to seal the triangoli so they don't come apart when cooking.

#### For the Beurre Blanc Sauce

In a saucepan, sauté shallots in butter until translucent. Add wine, lemon juice, and cream to the saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium and let simmer until liquid is reduced by about 2/3, about 4 to 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to a simmer and whisk in 2 cubes of butter. Keep stirring until the butter is completely melted. Add a few more cubes, whisking continuously, so the butter emulsifies into the wine mixture. Continue to add the remaining butter, a few cubes at a time, until the sauce has a thick, luxurious texture, 4 to 6 minutes. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Season with a pinch of cayenne pepper.

Cook pasta in a pot of well-boiling salted water for 3-4 minutes.

#### Serve

Pour a small amount of sauce on the bottom of each plate. Divide the remaining lobster into 6 portions. Place 6 stuffed triangoli per plate. Pour remaining sauce over the top and garnish with additional lobster, a bit of shredded Kaltbach Le Gruyère cheese and parsley.

#### STEAK FRITES WITH ROQUEFORT DIPPING SAUCE

#### Frites

3 russet potatoes ■ 1 tbsp grapeseed oil ■ sea salt to taste

#### Steak

3 tbsp butter, unsalted ■ 1 tbsp olive oil ■ 2 sprigs thyme ■ 2 sprigs rosemary ■ 3 garlic cloves ■ 4 5 oz Denninger's Delmonico Ribeye steaks

■ salt and coarsely ground black

#### **Roquefort Dipping Sauce**

2 tbsp port ■ 1 cup heavy cream ■ 3 oz Papillon Black Label Roquefort Cheese, crumbled ■ fresh parsley for garnish

#### Frites

Peel the potatoes and slice lengthwise into 1/4 inch thick sticks and soak in ice water for 15 minutes. Preheat the air fryer to 375°F.

Drain the water, and pat the frites dry with a paper towel. Add fries to bottom of the air fryer basket. Pour the oil evenly over the frites. Fry for 15-20 minutes, until crispy and golden brown. Sprinkle with salt and keep warm in a 200°F oven until the steak is ready to serve.

#### Steal

Season steaks with salt and pepper. Let meat stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before cooking.

In a large cast iron pan, heat oil until shimmering. Add the steaks and cook over high heat until a crust has formed on the bottom, about 5 minutes. Turn the steaks over, add the butter, thyme, rosemary and garlic to the pan. Cook over high heat, basting the steaks with the melted butter and herbs until the steaks are medium rare, 4-6 minutes. Remove from pan and transfer to cutting board, cover and let rest 10 minutes.

#### **Roquefort Sauce**

Remove the thyme sprigs from the skillet and pour in the wine. Stir to loosen browned bits from the bottom. Stir in cream, and bring to a boil. Cook and stir until the sauce is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Mix cheese into the sauce until melted. Pour over the steaks to serve. Garnish with fresh parsley.





## **WOOKEY COOKIES**

1/2 cup Gay Lea Baker's Choice
Unsalted Butter, diced ■ 1/2 cup
white flour ■ 1/2 cup Wookey Hole
Cave Aged cheddar cheese, grated
■ 1 tsp cayenne pepper ■ 1 tsp
mustard powder ■ 1 egg, beaten

Place the butter, flour, cayenne pepper and mustard powder with half the cheese in a food processor, pulse together until the dough forms a clump. Remove from the processor and finish kneading by hand. Once smooth, wrap in plastic wrap and put in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Lightly flour a work surface, roll the dough to approximately 5mm thick, and then use a cookie cutter to form your cookies. Place the shapes on a lined baking tray and brush each one with a little egg before grating more cheddar over the top.

Bake for 10-15 minutes at 350°F, allow to cool slightly and enjoy.



# vegetable cheese protein sauce bread

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Do you know where the word delicatessen comes from? It's a combination of the German delicatessen, meaning "fine food" or "delicacies," and the French deli meaning "fanciness." So we can translate delicatessen as "delicious things to eat."

In North America, we understand a delicatessen called a "deli" as a small shop that sells high-quality foods, such as cold cooked meats and different types of cheeses, and especially sandwiches made using these foods.

#### **DENNINGER'S AND THE ULTIMATE DELI**

The old world deli is new again.

Denninger's originated in the Black Forest region of Germany, where Rudolf Denninger and his wife Frieda operated three food stores. Denninger's quickly developed a reputation for producing high-quality, European-style sausages and fresh and smoked meats. And from that, the deli was born in Hamilton in 1954.

All our deli meats have been produced in our own meat facility located at 55 Brant St. Hamilton, following the same tradition and quality brought to Canada. Every day we deliver fresh batches of cold cuts, smoked meats, sausages and other specialties to all our stores.









#### **VIENNA SALAMI REUBEN**

Denninger's Vienna-Style Salami, Denninger's German Butter Cheese, Denninger's Wine Braised Sauerkraut, Nandos Perinaise Garlic Sauce, Denninger's Artisan Pumpkin Seed Rye Bread

#### NORTH TIROLER & JARLSBERG CROQUE MONSIEUR

Denninger's North Tiroler Schinken Ham, Jarlsberg Cheese, Kuehne Red Cabbage with Apple, Denninger's Artisan San Francisco Sourdough Bread

#### BOLOGNA & MUFFULETTA PANINI

Denninger's Lyoner Style & Krakovska Bologna, Sable & Rosenfeld Olive Bruschetta, Castello Creamy Havarti, Kozlik's German Mustard, Organic Grainharvest Cheese Bread

#### TRUFFLE ROAST BEEF MELT

Denninger's Top Round Roast Beef, Snowdonia Truffle Trove Cheddar, Sauteed Mushrooms, Denninger's Truffle Aioli, Denninger's Artisan Potato Onion Bread

#### **CAPRESE KIELBASA PANINI**

Denninger's Ham Kielbasa, Henri Willig Pesto Gouda, tomato, arugula, Origen Red Pepper Jam, Denninger's Artisan Asiago Pepper Bread

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#### **PÂTE CLUB**

Denninger's Braunschweiger Pâté, tomato, lettuce, Snowdonia Spiced Tomato Vodka Chutney, Denninger's Crispy Onions, Denninger's Artisan Light Rye Bread

#### TRIPLE SMOKED TURKEY

Denninger's Smoked Turkey Breast, French Triple Crème, Kozlik's Triple Crunch Mustard, microgreens, Denninger's Artisan Pumpkinseed & Cranberry Bread



# UN-BORING BOARDS with SALAMI

No charcuterie board is complete without salami—Denninger's offers at least 20 salamis to choose from. We have perfected the art of fermenting, curing and drying our sausage to create the most delicious-tasting salamis using the recipes and traditions from Germany.

Our salamis are made from beef and/or pork with a blend of herbs and spices to create complex flavours. They are then processed using four different preparation techniques to create our unique variety: smoked, cooked and smoked, dry cured and dry cured and smoked.

After two days of fermenting, the sausages are cold smoked over natural aromatic wood and hung to age in our specially designed fermentation cellar to create their intense flavour. Every batch is carefully monitored during this process to ensure absolute perfection.

All of our salamis are available sliced at our deli or vacuum sealed and ready to pick up. Be sure to try our special venison and beef salami that is only available for the holidays.

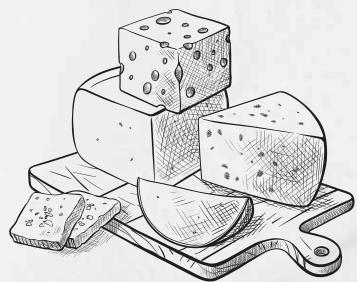
#### **OUR SALAMI SELECTION**

Hungarian-Style — 1. Hot 2. Tokay 3. Csabai
Vienna-Style — 4. Summer Sausage
Specialty — 5. Danish-Style 8. Venison & Beef 9. Holstein
Snacks — 6. Landjaeger 7. Salami Sticks (Mild & Hot)
German-Style — 10. German-Style 11. Black Forest-Style
(Double Smoked) 12. Bauernplockwurst









#### What is lactose?

Lactose is a carbohydrate — the sugar that naturally occurs in the milk from any animal source.

I was told I could eat goat or sheep milk cheese as it has no lactose. Is this true?
All the major kinds of milk used to make cheese have lactose and are close in amounts. The difference is that the fat globules in goat and sheep milk are smaller than in cow milk and, therefore, easier to digest. Of the main milk used to make cheese, goat milk contains the lowest amount of lactose.

#### Why are some people able to digest cheese and others can't?

Our digestive system produces lactase, an enzyme that enables us to break down lactose, allowing us to digest it. Some people gradually lose the ability to produce lactase in their bodies. Most people can tolerate small amounts of cheese without issue.

#### Is there anything I can take to help diaest the lactose?

If your body only produces small amounts of lactase, often Lactaid (a lactose enzyme) will allow many people to eat cheese without having digestive issues.

#### Are there any lactose-free cheeses?

About 98% of the lactose is removed from the milk during cheesemaking. Depending on the cheese, this is converted into lactic and other acids by bacterial action during aging. The highest levels of lactose in cheese occur in the fresh and soft cheese families, with a high level of moisture (whey) left in the cheese. Depending on the level of sensitivity, some people can tolerate small amounts.

Cheese that is firm and aged has very low to undetectable amounts of lactose. For example, a cheddar aged over 18 months has undetectable amounts of lactose. Some cheesemakers will identify lactose-free labels for their cheese, and others do not.

#### Why do some cheesemakers prefer not to add lactose-free to their label?

There is a myth that lactose-free cheese has no flavour. Of course, this is not true, so some cheesemakers prefer not to have it included on the label.

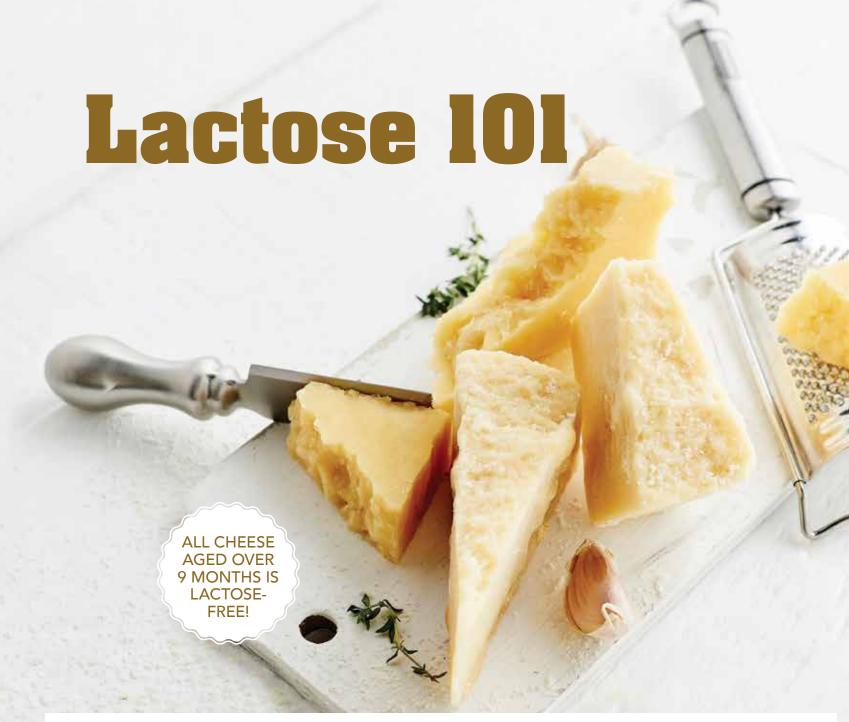
## Did you know that many of our old-world classic cheeses have no lactose but don't necessarily include it on the label?

Cheddars (over 18 months), Comté (over 18 months), Gouda, Parmigiano Reggiano, many in the Swiss alpine family Gruyère (over 12 months), Emmentaler, Appenzeller and Tête de Moine. These alone should remove the myth that lactose-free means no flavour.

#### What are some producers doing about lactose?

We are starting to see cheesemakers adding lactase to the milk so that it is lactose-free going into the cheesemaking process. A great example of this is Tre Stelle Lactose-Free Cream Cheese.

Start with small amounts to see how your body reacts. If sensitive, stick to goat, sheep, and aged cow milk cheeses.





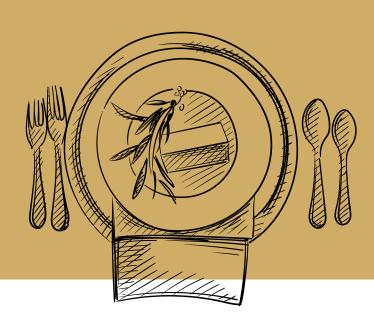




# Easy Yet Elegant Entertaining

The holidays are the time of year when we love to create meaningful memories. After all, tis the season to eat, drink and be merry! Hosting a holiday party is lovely, but it does not have to be stressful or overwhelming. It only takes a little pre-party planning for you to spend a relaxed and enjoyable time with your guests, not in the kitchen.

First, decide which type of party you want to have; an informal gathering or an intimate sit-down dinner with your closest friends. Before making that decision, a few things to consider would be your time, space, budget and the number of guests you will invite. Make a list, delegate and do as much preparation the day before as possible. Have a music playlist organized in advance. Hospitality is key. Know your guests. Be aware of any allergies or dietary restrictions.



#### **PARTY PLANNING CHECKLIST**

- Set a date
- Determine the style
- Send invitations
   Casual a week before
   Sit Down at least 2 weeks before
   Holiday a month in advance
- Plan the menu a few weeks in advance
- Create the mood
- Pick your playlist Courtesy of Spotify Search
  - Mellow Dinner
  - Dinner with Friends
  - Dinner & Wine
  - Feel Good Dinner



Relax, you gothis!

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# Holiday. MARKETS



#### JARRITOS Mexico

Mexico's 1st National Soda (since 1950). Not only does Jarritos taste delicious, but they're also made with 100 natural fruit flavours, using only the most authentic and natural fruits from Mexico.



#### MARTINI

Italy

Since 1863, MARTINI has brought people together with recipes passed down through generations of master blenders. Don't miss out on the moments full of flavour with MARTINI non-alcoholic drinks. The same quality of ingredients is selected by master herbalists and sourced from our growers





#### MASTER OF MIXES USA

Master of Mixes Cocktail
Mixers makes the world's
most famous cocktails using
only the finest ingredients.
Sourced premium ingredients
from all over the globe and
perfectly blended into one
ready-to-mix mixture.



#### EFFERVÉ France

Thanks to the premium quality of the spring waters and all-natural flours, Effervé is clean and crisp. A delicious, refreshing sparkling lemonade for the entire family.



#### FONTI DI CRODO Italy

Made in Crodo, a little town in the Italian Alps, each beverage is made with real lemon, orange pulp, and juice, a natural drink with no added colour or preservatives.



#### FEVER TREE

A range of premium tonic water made with naturally sourced ingredients and no artificial sweeteners to create sophisticated yet simple spritzes with exceptional taste. Over 15 flavours to choose from tonic water, ginger beer and soda!



#### BOTTLEGREEN

Inspired by their wine-making background and desire to create something out of the ordinary, Bottlegreen experimented with an abundance of local elderflowers, lending the finest natural ingredients with pure English spring water, drawn and bottled at the bottlegreen mill. By the end, once the Hand-Picked Elderflower cordial was made, the rest was history!

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Menu

Denninger's Bacon Wrapped Dates

> Blackened Cajun Shrimp

**Smoked Trout Mousse** 

New York Pepper-Crusted Beef Canapé

Cocktails

Bakewell Tart Cocktail, Aranciata Twisted Garibaldi, Sage Coach, Virgin Spritz

#### **WHAT TO SERVE**

- Plan on 5-6 hors d'oeuvres per person
- Have one or two dips with small pita wedges and crudité
- A small cheese board with crackers
- Place small bowls of nuts throughout the room (include a small spoon)
- Plenty of small plates and seasonal napkins should be easily available

#### **CHECKLIST FOR A SELF-SERVE BAR**

- · Red and white wine
- One or two alcoholic beverages gin, vodka, or scotch
- Club soda and Sparkling water
- Mixers try one of our Holiday selections
- Lemon and lime wedges
- Ice
- An assortment of glasses

#### DO THE MATH

- 1 litre of sparkling water for every 2 guests
- 1 bottle of wine for every 2-3 wine drinkers
- 2-3 bottles of beer for every beer drinker
- 1 litre of alcohol for every 10-12 drinkers

All recipes can be found on pages 89-90













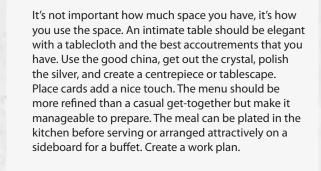








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#### An Intimate Dinner for Six



#### **APPETIZER**

Denninger's Lobster Bisque

#### ENTRÉE

Olive & Feta Stuffed Lamb Roast

Harissa Roasted Hasselback Squash

Lemon Couscous with Currants & Pomegranate

#### **DESSERTS**

Mini Pavlovas with Devon Cream

Frozen Baked Apples with Walnuts

#### **COCKTAILS**

French 75, El Burro Catalan. Paloma Cocktail

#### AT LEAST ONE DAY IN ADVANCE

- Do any last-minute grocery shopping
- Pick up beverages
- · Chill the white wine
- Make the centrepiece or tablescape
- · Set the table
- · Prepare the dessert

#### THE DAY OF THE PARTY

- · Set up a drink and snack area with wine or an aperitif and something small to nibble on
- Set out all of the ingredients, sauces, garnishes and serving bowls you need to finish your dishes around a counter area
- · Prepare your meal

#### **TWO HOURS BEFORE**

- · Prepare any last dishes
- Place any foods on the buffet that can be placed in advance
- Put pitchers or bottles of water on the table

#### **ONE HOUR BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE**

- Get dressed for the evening
- · Light candles and put on your first playlist
- Have a glass of wine and take a moment for yourself so you're relaxed

#### **JUST BEFORE SERVING**

- Finish preparing last-minute foods
- Place all food on plates or on serving dishes for the buffet









**EL BURRO CATALAN** 







All recipes can be found on pages 90-91

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## MINI PAVLOVAS WITH DEVON CREAM

12 mini meringues ■ 1-1/2 cups Coombe Castle Devon Cream (very cold) ■ 1 jar Mackays Lemon Curd ■ 4-5 cups fresh berries ■ 2 tbsp icing sugar

Blend Devon cream and lemon curd together. Once cool, place a dollop of the cream mixture into the center and top with fresh berries. Dust with icing sugar.

**Tip:** Merigues can be stored in an air-tight container for 3-5 days at room temperature

If time is
not an issue,
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recipe on
page 92



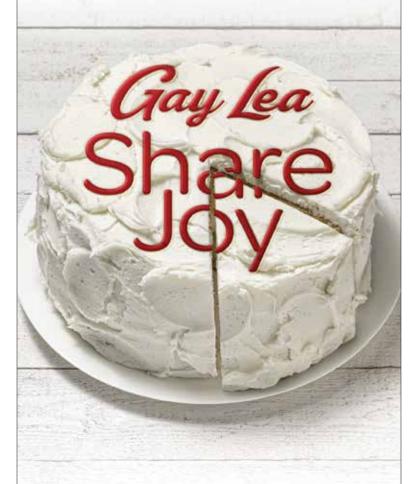














For the moments that matter.







**Hand Rolled Butter** 

Made using an old family recipe and farm-fresh

creamy. Churned and hand-rolled, this butter will

Ontario cow milk, Mr. Amish Butter is rich and

add an exceptional taste to all your meals.

#### **BUTTER DEFINITIONS**

**FUTURE OF BUTTER** 

Plant-Based

Using natural organic ingredients,

or starches added. At room temperature,

**Unsalted or sweet butter** – made the same way as salted but without the salt (a favourite with bakers).

active bacteria (similar to the cultures added to yogurt). This gives the butter a slightly tangy flavour.

Organic butter - cows are fed an organically grown feed. The organic certification logo will be on the package.

**CELEBRATING** 

For many of us, butter is part of our daily

about its history? Let's take a closer look.

plant (what the animal eats — terroir) and

edible products. Originally, butter was made on the farm where it took on the unique characteristics of that farm. By the 20th

century, dairy factories took over the role of

farms during industrialization, resulting in

more consistent and uniform butter. Butter

fat-free craze to the present day where we

fat butter such as European-style butter at

The best kinds of butter need quality cream

giving the butter a fresh, delicate aroma and

many of us seeking butter with a higher milk

a clean dairy taste. In Canada, butter must

have a minimum fat content of 80%, with

Simply put, butter is made by churning

cream until it becomes a semi-solid. The churner spins the butter, combining the fat

molecules where they form into a clumpy

has survived the margarine wars, the low-fat/

now have, in addition to unsalted, salted, and

cultured butter: grass-fed, organic, and higher-

animal (a breed of animal — cow, sheep,

Butter is one of our oldest man-made

routine, but how much do we actually know

The character of butter relies on three things: man (the farmer who looks after the animals and the butter maker who makes the butter).

CANADIAN

BUTTER

goat, or water buffalo).

84 % milk fat.

fat content of 84%.

pile of butter.

Grass-fed butter - as per Dairy Farmers of Ontario's Grass-Fed Milk Standards, the milk to make the butter comes from cows that are fed on a minimum of 75% grass or forage.

Salted butter – traditional way of making butter where the pasteurized cream has been churned and then salt added.

**Cultured butter** – made using a cream cultured with an

## WHAT IS A BUTTER BOARD?

Many call it the next charcuterie board but think of it as another way to serve bread and to get creative with compound butter. Some people may be alarmed at the amount of butter used, but it's definitely meant to be a communal snack.

What is a butter board? It's an appetizer or breakfast board consisting of soft butter spread over a wooden board and sprinkled with condiments such as, sea salt, chili flakes, honey, fresh fruit and much more.

Plus, it's ready in less than 10 minutes and can be adapted to suit different food preferences. So grab your favourite wooden board and start spreading!

#### **BUTTER STEP BY STEP**



Step 1 | Start with Softened Unsalted or Salted Butter. Start the butter board base with the softened compound butter of your choice.



**Step 2** | *Make it Sweet or Savoury.* Customize your butter board to your taste!



Step 3 | Add an Element of Crunch. Add textural dimension to an otherwise creamy, rich board. Chopped nuts, fresh red onion, radish, dried fruit, bacon or crisp apple slices make perfect additions.



**Step 4** | *Serve*. Serve with warm crusty bread, pita chips, crackers, potato chips or fruit slices. Have guests dip, swirl, spread, and enjoy!













## THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR TURNS 100!

Discover the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Cheese & Butter Winners & Finalists

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair hit a significant milestone this year, celebrating its 100th anniversary. A group of farmers started the Fair after the First World War and wished to create a national agricultural exhibition to set national standards for judging domestic animals. They formed what was known as the Agricultural Winter Fair Association of Canada. In 1920, King George V permitted them to add the word "Royal." Today, it is the world's largest indoor agricultural and equestrian event.

The Cheese & Butter Competition has been a part of the Royal since its inception in November of 1922 and is the oldest and largest in Canada. Cheese and butter are judged by two sets of judges: one technical and one aesthetic. The top-scoring cheese or butter determines the winner in each class. Those winners typically go on to be retasted by all the judges to crown the Grand Champions: butter, cheddar, a variety of cow milk, and a variety of other milk.

This year there were 204 entries, meaning that judges had to evaluate between 30 and 40 cheeses and butters over one day. To protect their palates, judges start the day with mild cheeses and end with the blues and flavoured varieties — a demanding day!



Denninger's carries a wide variety of the winners and finalists — perfect for the upcoming holiday season.

To learn more about butter, visit page 64-65.

# DISCOVER THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR CHEESE & BUTTER WINNERS AND FINALISTS, AVAILABLE AT DENNINGER'S

#### **BUTTER SECTION**

#### **Unsalted Butter**

1st place – COWS Creamery Unsalted Butter, PEI 3rd place – Gay Lea Bakers Gold Unsalted Butter, ON

#### Salted Butter

1st place – Gay Lea Sea-Salted Butter, ON 2nd place – COWS Creamery Sea Salt Butter, PEI

#### Cultured Butter Salted or Unsalted

2nd place – COWS Creamery Sea Salt Cultured Butter, PEI

#### Grass Fed or Organic Unsalted Butter

1st place – Gay Lea Grass-Fed Unsalted Butter, ON 2nd place – Gay Lea Organic Unsalted Butter, ON

#### Grass Fed or Organic Salted Butter

1st Place and Grand Champion Butter Gay Lea Grass-Fed Salted Butter, ON (scoring a perfect 100)



2nd place - Gay Lea Organic Salted Butter, ON

#### CHEDDAR SECTION

5 classes in this section Mild, Medium, Old/Extra Old, 2 Years and Older (cow milk) and Cheddar – goat, sheep,

#### Old/Extra Old Cheddar – 9 to 24 months

1st Place and Grand Champion Cheddar Any Milk COWS Creamery Extra Old Cheddar, (PEI)

buffalo or mixed milk.



2nd place COWS Creamery 1-Year-Old Cheddar, PEI

#### Aged Cheddar - 2 Years and Older

2nd place Avonlea Clothbound Cheddar – COWS Creamery, PEI

3rd place COWS Creamery 3-Year-Old Cheddar, PEI

#### **VARIETY CHEESE COW MILK**

16 classes were a part of this section, with each class focusing on a particular style of cheese. All are made using cow milk only.

#### Fresh Unripened Cheese

1st place Bella Casara Ricotta – Quality Cheese, ON

#### Cheese with Grilling Properties – Natural or Flavoured

(judges evaluate this cheese for flavour and its ability to hold its shape when grilled)

3rd place Queso Fresco Spanish Cheese – Portuguese Cheese Co., ON

#### Soft Cheese with Bloomy Rind

(examples - Brie and Camembert styles)

2nd place Brigid's Brie – Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese, ON 3rd place Le Pizy – Fromagerie la Suisse Normande, QC

#### Firm and Hard – Surface Ripened, Natural or Brushed Rind

2nd place Louis d'Or (9-month-old) – Fromagerie du Presbytère, QC

#### Blue Cheese

1st place Bleu Bénédictin – Fromagerie Abbaye de Saint-Benôit-du-Lac, QC

#### Flavoured Cheese (except smoked)

1st place Dark Side of the Moo – Gunn's Hill Artisan Cheese. ON

#### Flavoured Cheese – Smoked

1st place Bleu Fumé - Fromagerie Abbaye de Saint-Benôit-du-Lac, QC

2nd place Appletree Smoked Cheddar – COWS Creamery, PEI

### GOAT, SHEEP, WATER BUFFALO & MIXED MILK VARIETY CHEESE

11 classes were a part of this section, with each class focusing on a certain style of cheese.

#### **Open Class**

1st place La Verdict d'Alexina – Fromagerie le Détour, QC









### **ÎLE-ASH-ISLAND**

### Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser, Québec

This soft bloomy rind distinguishes itself by the line of vegetable ash through the centre of the cheese. The cheese has sweet flavours of cream, salted butter, and an aroma of mushroom around the rind. They were named after an island close to the fromagerie in Noyan, where many ash trees grow.



### **GREY OWL**

### Fromagerie le Détour, Québec

This distinctive goat cheese contrasts beautifully with the snowy white interior paste and its dark vegetable ash. The name is both for the colour of the rind, and after one of Canada's earliest and most renowned environmentalists, "Grey Owl." The texture is smooth and silky, with a pleasantly sharp taste with notes of citrus that linger nicely.



### **LE DOUANIER**

### Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser, Québec

Fritz Kaiser moved to Canada from his native Switzerland and established Fromagerie Fritz Kaiser in 1981. The name of the cheese comes from 'Douanier,' meaning customs officer, due to the cheese plant's proximity to the US border. This distinctive semi-soft, washed rind cheese has a layer of vegetable ash through the centre. Aged for nine weeks, the smooth texture leads to a mellow roast hazelnut to fruity taste and an earthy aroma that becomes more pronounced with age.



### LE BALLOT

### Fromagerie Rang 9, Québec

This unique cheese is a semi-soft-washed rind cheese and is hand-rolled with a spiral-shaped layer of vegetable ash, giving it the look of a hay bale. Aged for 28 days on pine boards, the cheese has a woodsy aroma with a caramelized butter flavour



### **MORBIER (AOP)**

### Fromagerie Arnaud, France

Named after a small village in the Franche-Comté region of France and was initially made to use up extra curd from making the large wheels of Comté. This semi-soft cheese is made using raw cow milk and aged for 2 to 3 months. An orangey-pink rind surrounds the semi-soft interior with its striking line of ash through the centre. The texture is smooth and supple, with the flavour being nutty, fruity, slightly grassy and lightly piquant.



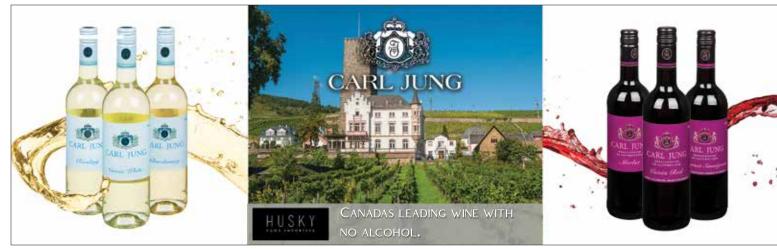
# WHAT IS **ASH**DOING IN MY CHEESE?

The practice of using ash in cheese goes back centuries. Probably the best-known cheese using ash is Morbier from France, originating in the 19th century. Cheesemakers would make cheese twice a day with both the morning and evening milk. The ash layer was used between the cheese makings to protect the cheese from microbial growth, insects, and other contaminants. These days Morbier is formed whole, split horizontally and then sprinkled with ash for a purely decorative look.

Burning vegetables, grapevines, wood and most recently, activated charcoal, ground to a powder, are most commonly used. Ash is alkaline and is often used in goat cheese to reduce acidity and contribute to a softer curd. Ash is also water-absorbing and is used combined with a bit of salt to help dry the rind and aid in preserving the surface ripening during the aging process.

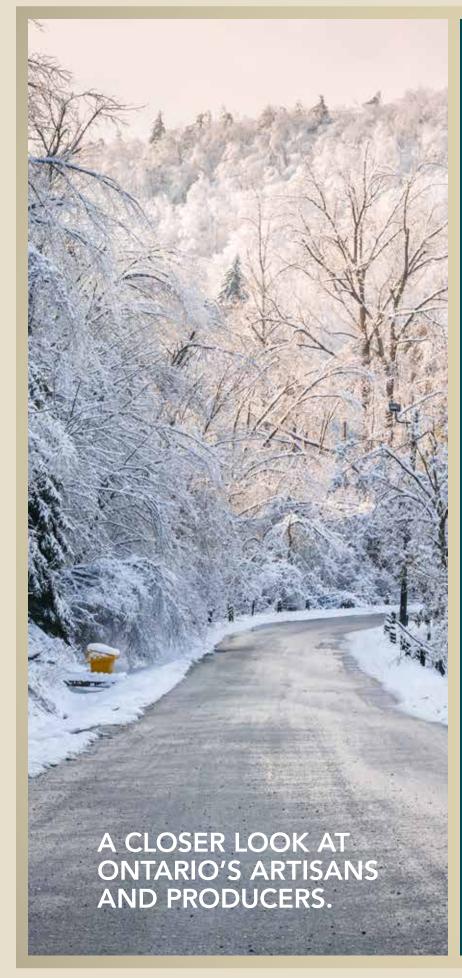
Historically, ash was used in many types of French goat cheese, giving the cheese's surface a dramatic look. So don't be alarmed when you see that blue to black line in the center of the cheese or on the surface. It's not blue (a common misconception). Instead, it is used decoratively for its striking appearance or on the surface to help the cheesemaker create the desired flavour profile and finished product.







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Hamilton

One of our best kept secrets behind our high-quality products is owning our own manufacturing facility, built in 1978 and now serving all 5 stores.

Our plant allows us to carry on the same traditions of making over 200 specialty cold cuts, sausages and smoked meats using the original family recipes brought from Germany with locally sourced ingredients. In addition, we also prepare over 100 gourmet foods, including soups, salads and entrees. Each store receives daily deliveries of our freshly made products and a large selection of fine imported foods. We are known for our attention to detail and passion for quality, making all our food in small batches (the European way) to ensure only the highest quality products are in our stores.





### MILFORD BAY TROUT FARM

Muskoka

Milford Bay Trout Farm is a purveyor of Fine Smoked Trout Filets and related products in the heart of beautiful Muskoka, a family-run business since 1973.







### MY SWEET SWEET WORLD

Hagersville

My Sweet World Artisan Chocolates are made from the finest cacao beans from an independent small family-owned farm in Nigeria. They have chosen raw and local ingredients rather than artificial flavourings and emulsifiers for their chocolate bars' absolute most authentic flavours.





### **UPPER CANADA CHEESE**

Niagara Falls

As artisan cheesemakers, Upper Canada Cheese Company prides itself on making cheese by hand in small batches and is committed to the tradition of the cheesemaker's art. Located in the small village of Jordan Station, in the heart of the Niagara.









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# The Daily BUTFIRST, BUTFIRST, CITY CONTINUE TO THE CONTINUE TO

Nothing is better than waking up in the morning to the rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee. You look forward to that comforting warmth that jumpstarts your day and warms your soul. So, don't go out and wait in a long line to get your morning cup o' joe when you can be brewing an excellent cup — or two — at home. Try one of these amazing Ontario roast coffees at home today.



# BALZAC'S COFFEE ROASTERS

The four cornerstones of Balzac's business philosophy are Local, Natural, Sustainable and Artisanal. They offer a selection of conventional non-certified coffees and Fairtrade, Organic, and Bird Friendly® certified coffees from 100% specialty Arabica beans roasted in single batches using the most environmentally friendly roaster coffee roaster available. You can now buy their great-tasting coffee in recyclable, tightly sealed cans that maintain freshness.



# REUNION COFFEE ROASTERS Reunion Coffee Roasters is an Oakville-based

Reunion Coffee Roasters is an Oakville-based family-owned specialty coffee roaster providing customers worldwide with exceptional tasting coffees, including Organic, Fair Trade, Direct Trade, and Rainforest Alliance-certified varieties. They have made it their mission to use coffee as a force for good in the world. The Pesce family has played a vital role in the advancement of the Canadian specialty coffee market for over four decades.



### MUSKOKA ROASTERY COFFEE CO.

One hundred percent certified and handcrafted coffee blends developed in and inspired by Muskoka. Muskoka Roastery inspires to elevate coffee quality through the focus, dedication and passion of handcrafting and micro-roasting. They are the first coffee roaster in Canada to source green beans exclusively from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms in eight different countries, from Indonesia to Kenya to Costa Rica. These rainforests are protected through sustainable farming, and Muskoka Roastery is committed to creating meaningful, long-term change.



### CRANK COFFEE

When you purchase Crank Coffee, you will enjoy the best certified Organic and Fair Trade coffee and support amazing bicycle racers. Jen and Cory Love are serious about coffee. They have designed and built their own roasting equipment. Sourcing the best coffees from Ethiopia, Sumatra and Central America, they guarantee the farmers a fair price for their labour and their product. They are also serious about cycling and give 10% of their proceeds to junior and women racers.

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It's all in the bean!



### MORNING COFFEE BUNDT CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE GLAZE

2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour ■ 2 cups granulated sugar ■ 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa ■ 2 tsp baking soda ■ 1 tsp baking powder ■1 tsp kosher salt ■1 cup whole buttermilk center comes out clean, approximately for 45-50 minutes. ■ 1 cup brewed coffee, warm ■ 1/2 cup canola oil ■ 2-1/2 tsp vanilla extract ■ 2 large eggs ■ 1/2 bar Lindt Gold Surfin Chocolate Bar ■ 1 cup 35% whipping cream ■ 1 tbsp Baileys Irish Cream

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat the bundt cake pan with baking spray. Whisk together flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl; set aside.

Combine buttermilk, coffee, oil, vanilla, and eggs in the bowl with an electric stand mixer and beat on medium speed until well blended. With a mixer on low speed, gradually add dry ingredients, and beat until well combined, about 2 minutes.

Pour cake batter into a prepared bundt pan, and bake in a preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the Let cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Invert onto a cake plate. Let cool completely, about 1 hour.

For the ganache, break up the chocolate into pieces and place it in a bowl. Using a microwave, melt the chocolate. Heat cream in a small saucepan over medium until just beginning to boil. Gradually add the melted chocolate to the cream until well combined. Stir in Bailey's liqueur. Drizzle ganache over the cooled cake.





Pour coffee into two glass coffee mug until about 2/3 full. Stir in the half the whiskey and Irish Cream into each glass. Top with

whipped cream.

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# THE ORIGINAL **LICORICE**

Do you want to hear something delightfully sweet?
With the ever-expanding global marketplace, we can all be like kids in a worldwide candy shop at Denninger's.
Unwrap Walkers Non-Such Toffee from Scotland or Chupa Chups Lollipops from Spain and explore the ultimate mix of goodies.

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CANDIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD





WALKERS NONSUCH from Scotland

Their toffee has been made with love for 5 generations since 1894.



JELLY BELLY from USA

Handcrafted for over 150 years. It takes a minimum of 7 days to produce the beans.



### PANDA from Finland

The licorice candy has been famous for its flavour since 1927.



### HARIBO GOLDBEARS

from Germany

Everyone knows them — After all, this unmistakable original has delighted fans big and small, young and old, since 1922.



### KATJES

from Germany

The story of Katjes began in Sicily in 1910 when Klaus Fassin used the recipe to produce licorice in the form of a tiny cat — called Katjes — the Dutch word for kitten — also known as a lucky charm for Katjes.







### HIDDEN TREASURE CAKE

### Cake

2 cups Gay Lea, Bakers Gold Unsalted Butter, softened

- 1-1/2 cups caster sugar 1-1/2 tbsp vanilla extract
- 6 eggs 4-2/3 cups self-raising flour 1-1/2 cups milk
- 2 drops food colouring, green 2 cups Jelly Belly Jelly Beans 2 packs Haribo Goldenbears

### Vanilla Buttercream Icing

1 cup Gay Lea Bakers Gold Unsalted Butter, softened ■ 2 tsp vanilla extract ■ 3 cups icing sugar mixture, sifted

Preheat oven to 320°F. Grease 3 x 1 inch-deep, 20cm round cake pans. Line the base and sides with two layers of baking paper.

Using an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and vanilla for 5 minutes or until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until just combined after each addition. Gradually beat in flour and milk in batches until just combined.

Divide mixture evenly between prepared pans. Bake for 40 minutes. Let cake stand in pans for 10 minutes. Turn, top-side up, onto baking paper-lined wire racks. Cool completely. Once cooled, cut each cake horizontally, creating 1/2 inch cakes.

### Make Vanilla buttercream icing:

Using an electric mixer, beat butter and vanilla for 5-7 minutes or until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in sugar, one tablespoon at a time, until well combined.

### **Build the cake:**

Cut a 10cm round from the centre of 5 cakes. Remove and discard centres. Keeping one cake whole for the top layer.

Place one piece of the cake on a serving plate. Spread 1/4 cup of buttercream icing over the top of the cake. Top with one cut cake. Spread two tablespoons of icing over the top of the cake. Top with remaining cut cake and repeat. Spoon enough assorted GoldenBears and Jelly Belly into the centre of the cake to fill to the top of the hole. Finish by placing one whole cake on top. Spread the remaining buttercream icing over the top and side of the cake.

### Decorate

Press your favourite candies on top and side of the cake to cover.

Place the two cakes on top of each other before cutting the rounds so that the holes are in exactly the same position on both cakes.





## THE HAMMER NEWS

# Meet Hamilton's New Boutique Hotel in the Heart of Downtown.

The Laundry Rooms Hotel has made Hamilton its New Home

Beautifully designed with a sense of place, featuring large suites, local furniture, private bedrooms, balconies, full kitchens, and in-suite laundry, as well as our new high-end line of local, organic bath amenities from bâsd. Oh, and an Oakville Restobar favourite on the ground floor!



their professional travels. This 'accidental idea' landed them their hybrid concept pilot location in Waterloo in 2020.

and baths, separate 1&2 bedrooms along with, of stake here in the neighbourhood. course, in-suite laundry.

Hospitality Group, who will be opening Plank you could expect from your own house.

Back in pre-pandemic days, Hamilton-based Restobar in November. Plank is a popular Oakville Co-founders of The Laundry Rooms chatted Restobar that focuses on fresh, seasonal and on The Diplomat patio on King William about locally sourced ingredients; featuring a lively their love of travel and design, and how there atmosphere of beverages, tapas and small plates wasn't a hospitality option for extended stays or - and in the case of the Hamilton location - a hotels that fit the experience they sought out on perfect add on with a roof-top patio coming 2023.

The Hamilton-owned and operated business encourages residents to 'live like a local' - from the team's inside scoop on the best ramen in Snap to present day and The Laundry Rooms town, to the ideal place to land for a coffee is the coolest hospitality kid on the Augusta meeting, even some direction on the closest dog block - with 40 fully-furnished suites that are park. The Laundry Rooms seeks to immerse their just begging for an Instagram selfie to be taken guests in the opportunity to 'stay different' and within its walls. The amenity-rich units allow for call Hamilton 'home' for the duration of their families – and the family pet! – to be together stay, whether it's six days or six months. Catch with all the comforts of home while in the Hospitality owner Doug Greco is a native of the Hammer. The Laundry Rooms offers full kitchens area for over a decade and proud to make his

Eniov the best small plates in town in what has And, the cherry on top: To activate the ground been described as "Rec Room Chic" decor, then level of the development. The Laundry Rooms head on up to your suite at The Laundry Rooms has attracted the attention of Oakville's Catch and make yourself at home with all the amenities

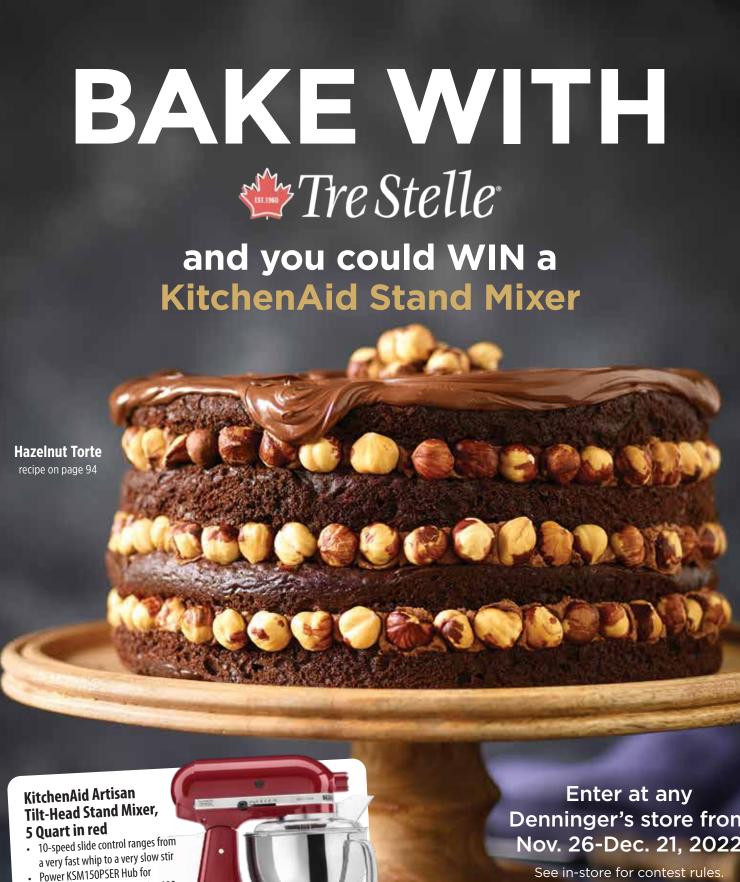
Learn more about The Laundry Rooms at https://thelaundryrooms.ca/our-story/ Plank Restobar https://www.plankrestobar.ca/











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### It's the Bomb **Hot Chocolate**

4 Donini Drinking Chocolate Bombs, dark or milk • 1 L Lactantia PurFilter Milk, 2%

Steam the milk and keep it in a thermos before you go so it stays warm while you skate.

To serve, place one bomb in each mug. Pour the hot milk from the thermos over the top. watch the chocolate melt, and release the marshmallows into the milk. Stir if desired.

Adult version: Add an ounce or two of Frangelico or Forty Creek Nanaimo Bar Cream Liquor to your mug. The kids don't need to know!

### **PB&J Grilled Cheese** with Blueberry Jam

3 tbsp Cows Creamery Salted Butter ■ 4 slices Grainharvest Organic Multigrain Bread ■ 4 tbsp crunchy or creamy all-natural peanut butter • 2 slices Cows Creamery Extra Mature Cheddar Cheese, grated • 4 tbsp Saint Dalfour Wild Blueberry Fruit Spread

Coat each side of the bread slices with butter. Spread peanut butter on one side of the two slices of bread. Spread jam on the other two

Top the jam with cheddar cheese. Place peanut butter bread over the top of jam/cheese bread to form each sandwich.

Heat a cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Place sandwiches in the pan. Cook the sandwiches for about 3 to 4 minutes on one side until the cheese melts.

Carefully flip the sandwiches to the other side and continue to cook for another 4 minutes or until they're golden brown and crispy outside. Top with Wild Blueberry jam for extra sweetness.

### **Gin & Citrus-cured** Salmon with Cucumber **Lemon Panna Cotta**

### Salmon Gravlax

2 centre-cut salmon filets (1 pound each) with skin-on and pin-bones removed ■ 3 tbsp gin

- 1/4 cup coarse salt 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar 1 lemon, zest 1 blood orange, zest • 1 small bunch of fresh dill

1/4 cup capers = 1/2 red onion, finely chopped ■1 lemon, cut into wedges ■ extra dill

Check and remove any pin-bones from the

salmon filets.

Combine the salt, sugars, lemon and orange zest in a non-reactive bowl and mix well.

Sprinkle some of the curing mixture on 1 fish filet and add some of the dill on top. Place one piece of salmon, skin side down, on top of the mixture.

Drizzle the gin over the fish. EVENLY and liberally, coat the salmon with the remaining dry cure, and RUB it into the fish.

Lay the second piece of salmon, skin side up, on top of the first piece of fish. Sprinkle with remaining dry cure and dill on top.

Wrap the salmon with cheesecloth, followed by plastic wrap, seal the fish forming a tight package.

Place the salmon on a wire rack on a heavy sheet pan. To speed up the curing process, top the salmon with a weight such as a brick or heavy cans evenly distributed across the salmon. Refrigerate for a minimum of 24 hours, up to 3 days\*, TURNING OVER ONCE A DAY. Every 12-hour mark.

Remove the salmon from the wrapping and rinse it with cool water to remove the dry cure. Pat dry. Place the salmon back on the wire rack and place it in the refrigerator (uncovered) for about an hour to air dry.

### **Cucumber Lemon Panna Cotta**

1 pk unflavoured gelatin • 1 large seedless cucumber, coarsely grated with skins • 1/2 cup Riviera Plain Spreadable Goat Cheese (at room temperature) • 1/4 cup Riviera Indulgence Plain Yogurt ■ 3 sprigs dill, fresh, finely chopped ■ 2 cups 35% whipping cream ■ 1/2 tsp super fine sugar ■ 2 tbsp lemon juice and zest of 1/2 lemon ■1tsp celery salt

Bloom the gelatin in cold water as per package directions. Set aside.

In a food processor, combine cucumbers, goat cheese, yogurt and dill until smooth.

In a medium saucepan, combine the whipping cream and sugar in a pan over medium heat. Make sure the mixture does not boil.

Remove the cream mixture from the heat and add in gelatine mixture, stirring until completely dissolved. Add the cucumber mixture to the cream and season with celery salt and pepper.

Pour the panna cotta mixture into a silicone or greased mould. Refrigerate until set; approximately 3 hours or overnight.

To unmould: Dip the mould briefly in warm water, then turn out onto a serving platter.

Serve: Thinly slice the salmon on a bias. Place around the panna cotta. Garnish platter with capers, thinly sliced onion and lemon wedges.

### Irish Onion Soup with **Potato Onion Bread**

8 cups onions, sliced • 1/4 cup salted butter • 1-1/2 tbsp garlic, minced • 1-1/2 cups Nickel Brook Winey Bastard Stout ■ 1/4 cup flour ■ 8 cups beef broth ■ 2 bay leaves ■ 2 tsp thyme ■ 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce ■ sea salt and pepper to taste • 4 slices Denninger's Artisan Potato Onion Bread • 2 cups Guinness Cheddar Cheese.

In a large pot, over low heat, add the butter and onions Caramelize the onions for 30-40 minutes or until amber in colour. Tip: The trick is to leave them alone enough to brown (if you stir them

too often, they won't brown). If you find that the onions are sticking too much to the bottom, add more butter or a splash or two of the beef broth. Add the garlic and flour and stir for roughly 1

Turn up heat to medium. Add the stout, scraping all the bits from bottom of the pan.

Next, add the beef broth, bay leaves, thyme, Worcestershire sauce, sea salt, and pepper. Simmer over medium heat for 35 minutes.

Preheat oven to broil. Arrange the potato bread on a baking sheet in a single layer. Broil until golden brown. Remove from oven.

Ladle the soup into oven proof soup bowls, and top with bread. Add the cheese and return to oven and broil until cheese gets golden and bubbly.



### **Rock Star Cream** of Cauliflower **Cheddar Soup**

3 tbsp butter ■1 yellow onion, diced ■ 2 carrots, peeled and diced ■ 2 stalks celery, diced

- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth 1 large head cauliflower, chopped into small florets
- 2 potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes ■1 tbsp dried parsley flakes ■1 tsp dried thyme
- salt and freshly ground pepper 2 cups 10% cream ■ 1-1/2 cups Snowdonia Rock Star Cheese, shredded

Melt 1 tbsp of butter in a large soup pot. Sauté onion, carrots and celery for about 10 minutes.

Add chicken broth, cauliflower, potatoes, parsley and thyme — season with salt and pepper to taste and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, then cover and simmer until veggies are tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove from the heat. Using a blender, purée the soup until smooth. Add the cream and then the cheese slowly and continue blending on low speed until the cheese has melted. Serve immediately.

### **Aranciata Twisted** Garibaldi

2.5 oz Campari ■ 3.5 oz Fondi Di Croto Aranciata ■ orange slice, garnish

Put fresh ice cubes into the highball glass and add Campari. Fill with Aranciata and garnish with an orange slice. Cheers!

### **Bakewell Tart Cocktail**

1 oz Bottlegreen Elderflower Pomegranate Cordial ■1 oz Disaronno Amaretto ■ 2 oz Bottlegreen Elderflower Pressé ■ 2 oz lemon juice ■ 1/2 oz egg white ■ raspberries, fresh

Pour all ingredients into a shaker over cubed ice and shake well. Strain into a martini glass and garnish with fresh raspberries. For a virgin version of this, simply leave out the Disaronno Amaretto.

### **Virgin Spritz**

1-1/4 oz Martini Non-Alcoholic Vibrante ■ splash of soda ■1 bottle Fever Free Tonic Water ■2 oz Martini dolce

Place ice cubes in a highball glass and pour in all ingredients. Stir well. Cheers!







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### **Sage Coach**

1 oz Master of Mixes Strawberry Daiquiri/ Margarita Mixer ■ 1-1/4 oz gin ■ 1 dash bitters ■ 1-1/4 oz cranberry juice ■ 3 sage leaves

Muddle sage in the bottom of a shaker. Fill with ice and remaining ingredients. Shake and strain into a martini glass.

### **Blackened Cajun Shrimp**

18 black tiger shrimp, fresh, tail on ■ 1/4 cup cajun spice ■ 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

### Dressing

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil • 2 tbsp Maille Dijon Mustard Original • 2 tsp capers, finely chopped • lemon juice, half a lemon • 1 tbsp cilantro, freshly chopped • lemon slices, for garnish

### Marinate

Using fresh black tiger shrimp (if frozen, thaw shrimp beforehand) and remove shells, keeping the tails on. Start by whisking together the cajun spices and olive oil and add to the bowl of shrimp. Cover and let it marinate overnight or a minimum 6 hours.

### Grill

Grill over a medium-high heat, until opaque and cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. If using a dual-contact grill, 5 minutes total should do it. Remember shrimp are delicate, do not overcook them.

### Serve

Mix all dressing ingredients together well. Pour over the shrimp, toss well and serve with a slice of lemon. Serve immediately.

### **Smoked Trout Mousse**

1 cup Tre Stelle Cream Cheese • 1/2 oz Milford Bay Smoked Trout Fillet • 2 tbsp lemon juice, freshly squeezed • 1 tsp fresh dill, chopped • freshly ground black pepper to taste

### Serve with

24 Rustic Bakery Artisan Flatbread crackers

■1 English cucumber, sliced

Add the cream cheese, smoked trout, lemon juice, dill, salt, and pepper to a food processor and blend on high until smooth, scraping the sides a few times.

Transfer the mousse to a bowl if you're using it as a dip, and serve with crackers. Or put it into a pastry bag fitted with a star tip to pipe it onto cucumber rounds.

**Garnishes:** fresh dill, capers, thin red onion slices, chopped chives.

### New York Pepper-Crusted Beef Canapé

### **Pickled Onions**

1 large red onions, peeled and sliced thin = 3/4 cup apple cider vinegar = 1/4 cup water = 1 tsp salt = 2 tbsp sugar

### **Goat Cheese Whip**

1 jar Riveria Spreadable Goat Cheese, basil and chive • 2 tbsp crème fraîche

### Beef

8 slices Denninger's NY Striploin Pepper Crusted Roast Beef • 1 Denninger's Artisan Sourdough Baguette, sliced • dill springs or arugula for garnish

### **Pickled Onions**

In a small saucepan add the vinegar, water, salt and sugar. Cook over medium-high heat until it starts to simmer. Add sliced onions in a bowl and pour hot vinegar mix over top. Stir to evenly coat. Let the onions marinate for 30 minutes. Refrigerate up to two weeks.

### **Goat Cheese Whip**

Combine goat cheese and Crème fraîche and mix until smooth.

### Serve

Cut each slice of beef into thirds. Slice the baguette into ¼ inch thick slices brush with olive oil and broil until lightly browned.

Put a dollop of the goat cheese whip on each baguette slice and top with a few pickled onions. Fold a slice of beef over the onions and garnish with a spring of dill or arugula.

### **Paloma Cocktail**

3 oz Tequila ■ 3 oz Jarritos grapefruit ■ 1/2 oz lime juice ■ 1/4 tsp agave nectar ■ ice ■ pinch of salt ■ grapefruit, garnish

Mix the tequila, grapefruit juice, lime juice and agave nectar and salt into the glass. Fill the remainder of the glass with ice. Adjust sweetness to taste. Garnish with grapefruit wedge.

### French 75

1-1/2 oz gin ■ 3/4 oz lemon juice ■ 3/4 oz simple syrup ■ 2 oz Effervé Sparkling Lemonade ■ 2 oz 13th Street Blanc de Blanc Sparkling Wine ■ twist of lemon peel to garnish ■ fresh rosemary sprigs

Add gin, lemon juice, simple syrup and ice to a cocktail shaker. Secure the lid, and shake until the mixture is very chilled. This should take about 30 seconds or until your fingertips get very cold.

Strain the mixture into a Champagne flute or other tall, slender glass. Top with Effervé sparkling lemonade and Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine.

Rub the edge of the glass with a lemon peel to release the oils onto the glass: this will add an extra layer of pure citrus flavour as you sip. Garnish the glass with a lemon peel and a sprig or two of rosemary.

### **El Burro Catalan**

2 oz vodka ■ 5 tsp sherry or dry white wine ■1 tbsp fresh cranberry juice ■1 tbsp natural cane sugar ■1 tbsp fresh lemon juice ■ 2 dashes bitters ■ 5 tbsp Fever Tree Ginger Beer ■ twist of lemon peel to garnish ■ dried or fresh cranberries to garnish

Pour all ingredients except the Ginger Beer into a cocktail shaker and shake well.

Double strain into a copper mug over crushed ice, then add the Ginger Beer and top with more ice.

Twist the lemon peel over the drink to release the oils. Add garnish and serve.

### Olive & Feta Stuffed Lamb Roast

### Lamb

4-5-pound butterflied boneless leg of lamb

### Marinade

1/4 cup pomegranate molasses ■ 1/4 cup olive oil ■1 garlic clove, finely chopped ■1 shallot, finely chopped ■3 sprigs rosemary, leave removed and chopped ■1/2 tsp ground cinnamon ■1/2 tsp ground cloves ■1 tsp ground sumac ■1/2 tsp red pepper flakes ■1/2 tsp salt

### Stuffing

1/3 cup olive oil, plus more ■ 1 shallot, chopped ■ 2 garlic cloves, chopped ■ 8 oz spinach leaves, chopped ■ 1/2 cup Kalamata olives, pitted, chopped ■ 1/4 cup pine nuts, lightly toasted and chopped ■ 2 cups Tre Stelle Feta Cheese, crumbled ■ 1 tsp Za'atar ■ 2 tbsp parsley leaves, chopped ■ 1 tbsp mint leaves, chopped ■ 2 tbsp lemon zest, finely grated ■ kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Combine all marinade ingredients in a resealable plastic bag. Reserve 1/4 cup of the mixture for later use. Place the lamb on a baking tray and open it up. Cut some slits through the thick parts of the meat. Place the lamb in the bag and coat thoroughly with marinade. Allow the lamb to marinate at room temperature for at least half an hour but no more than 1 hour. While the lamb is marinating make the stuffing.

Make the stuffing: Combine the olive oil and shallots into the pan and cook until soft over medium heat. About 5 minutes. Add the garlic and heat through. Taking care not to burn it. Add the chopped spinach to the pan and cook until it wilts. Place the spinach and shallot mixture into the mixing bowl, add olives, pine nuts and crumbled feta cheese. Fold in the za'atar, parsley, mint, lemon zest and season with salt and pepper. Spread the spinach stuffing over the lamb, filling all of the cuts. Roll up the lamb and tie with kitchen twine at one-inch intervals.

Preheat the oven to 400°F.

Position lamb in a roasting pan seam side down. Roast until lamb starts to brown, 30-40 minutes. Reduce temperature to 325°F and continue to roast until a thermometer inserted into thickest part registers 135°F. Remove lamb from oven, brush with reserved marinad and tent with foil; allow to rest 15–20 minutes before slicing.

**Make ahead:** Lamb can be stuffed and tied 1 day ahead; cover and chill. Bring to room temperature before roasting.

### Harissa Roasted Hasselback Squash

2 small to medium butternut squash ■ 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil ■ 2 tbsp harissa paste ■ 1/2 tsp ground sumac ■ 1 tsp garlic powder ■ 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon ■ 1/2 tsp salt • 2 tbsp honey, drizzle ■ 1/4 cup tahini ■ 2 tbsp parsley, chopped for garnish

Preheat the oven to 425°F.

Half the squash lengthwise and scoop out the seeds with a large spoon. Using a peeler, remove the skin. Rub with 2 tablespoons olive oil, season with salt and pepper. Place on a large baking sheet and roast until the squash begins to soften, 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl combine 1 tbsp olive oil, harissa, sumac, garlic powder, cinnamon, and salt.

Take the squash from the oven and transfer to a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, slice through the rounded sides of squash halves, crosswise, going as deep as possible without cutting all the way through. It is helpful to position 2 wooden spoons on either side of the squash to help prevent cutting all the way through. Return the squash to the baking sheet, scored sides up. Spread the harissa mixture over the squash, allowing it to drip into the slices and drizzle with honey.

Roast the squash for 20 minutes, spooning any melted juices in the pan over the squash.

Return to the oven and roast another 15-20 minutes, until the squash is fork tender and caramelized.

Remove the squash from the oven and transfer to a serving plate. Drizzle with tahini and garnish with parsley.

# Lemon Couscous with Currants & Pomegranate

3 tbsp olive oil ■1 shallot, finely chopped

- 2 cloves garlic, minced 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 cup chicken stock 2/3 cup dried couscous
- ■1 lemon, zested and juice 1/2 cup dried currants 1/2 cup cilantro, chopped
- pomegranate seeds, for garnish

Place a pot on medium heat. Drizzle with olive oil. Add the shallot and cook until softened. Add the garlic and turmeric and continue cooking until lightly golden, about another minute.

Pour in the stock and bring to a boil. Once boiling, remove the pot from the heat and add the couscous, lemon zest and juice and stir to combine. Add the currants on top, cover pot with a lid and allow couscous to sit for approximately 10 minutes. Fluff the couscous with a fork and garnish with cilantro and pomegranate seeds.

# Frozen Baked Apples with Walnuts

4 red apples ■ 1/4 cup water ■ 1 baking marzipan ■ 1/4 cup walnuts or pecans, chopped ■ vanilla ice cream for topping (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Use a paring knife or apple corer to remove the stem and seeds from the apples, making a deep hole where the filling will go.

Add 1/4 cup of water to a baking dish and place apples on top. Bake for about 40-45 minutes or until apples are tender when pierced with a fork. Remove from oven and allow to cool for a few minutes. Reserve sauce drippings. Chill in the freezer for 4 hours before serving.

### **Prepare apples**

Spoon the marzipan evenly into each of the apples. Add chopped walnuts or pecans and vanilla ice cream on top. Spoon the reserved sauce drippings from the pan over the apples. Serve frozen.





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### Mini Pavlovas with **Devon Cream**

6 large egg whites, room temperature ■ 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar = 2 tsp cornstarch = 1/2 tbsp lemon juice = 1/2 tbsp pure vanilla extract ■ 1-1/2 cups Coombe Castle Devon Cream (very cold) • 1 iar Mackays Lemon Curd ■ 4-5 cups fresh berries ■ 2 tbsp icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 225°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a stand mixer, beat the egg whites on high speed 1 minute until soft peaks form. With the mixer on, gradually add the sugar and beat for 10 minutes on high speed or until stiff peaks form. It should be smooth and glossy.

Sprinkle the cornstarch over the top and use a spatula to fold it in. Fold in the lemon juice and vanilla and mix until well combined.

Pipe meringue into 2-3 inch wide nests on the parchment paper. If you don't have a piping bag, use 2 spoons to make small mounds on the parchment paper. Indent the center with a spoon to allow room for the cream. Bake for 1 hour. Then turn the oven off and let the meringues sit in the hot oven for another 30 minutes. The outside should be dry and crisp and the insides should still be soft.

Transfer the pavlova's with the parchment paper onto the counter or a cooling rack and allow them to cool. Blend Devon cream and lemon curd together. Once cool, place a dollop of the cream mixture into the indent and top with fresh berries. Dust with icing sugar.



### **BUTTER UP YOUR BOARD** Make compound butter

Bring butter to room temperature and place the butter in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Paddle the butter on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add desired ingredients, and mix on low speed until they are well combined.

### **Shape Your Butter**

Using a spatula, scrape the soft butter onto a sheet of parchment paper (or waxed paper) and smooth it into a log shape. Roll the butter into the parchment paper and shape it by hand into an even log shape. Using a scraper or other sturdy straight edge, hold the butter log against the edge of your counter and tighten the roll to squeeze out as many air bubbles as possible. Roll up the butter into the remaining length of parchment paper, and freeze.

To store for later, or if you need firm pats of butter, place the butter on a sheet of plastic wrap and wrap it in a log shape, twisting the ends. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours until firm. To use,

# **Compound Butter**

### **Storing Your Butter**

slice the butter into tablespoon-sized pats.

### **Apple Pie Cinnamon Roll Butter Board**

### **Compound Butter**

1 lb Gay Lea Grassfed Unsalted Butter, softened ■ 2 tbsp cinnamon divided ■ 1 large apple (about 10-12 ounces), peeled and diced into very small pieces = 3-1/2 tbsp maple syrup = 1/8 tsp nutmeg ■1 tsp pure vanilla extract

### **Toppings**

candied pecans ■ apples, thinly sliced ■ icing

### Icing

2 cups icing sugar • 2 tbsp butter, melted • 2 tsp vanilla • 4 tbsp milk of choice

Toya's Bakery Challah Bread ■ Denninger's Croissants ■ pancakes

### Prepare your board

Combine all compound butter ingredients together. Spread softened compound butter onto a wooden board or platter. Top with crushed pecans and apple slices. Finish the board with a generous drizzle of icing.

Melt the butter. In a mixing bowl, combine icing sugar, butter, vanilla and milk. Blend until smooth and pour over the board.

### **Horseradish Herb Butter Board**

### **Compound Butter**

1 lb Gay Lea Grassfed Salted Butter (softened) • 3 tbsp basil, fresh ■ 2 tbsp oregano, fresh • 2 tbsp lemon juice, fresh ■ 3/4 Maldon sea salt ■ 1 garlic clove, minced ■ 1/4 cup Kozlik's Prepared Hot Horseradish ■ 1/2 tsp black pepper

### **Red Wine Demi**

2 tbsp shallots, diced • 2 tbsp roasted garlic • 2 tbsp flour ■ 1/4 cup red wine ■ 2 tsp Dijon mustard = 2 tbsp cold butter = 1/2 cup beef broth ■ 2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped ■ salt & pepper to taste

### **Toppings**

blue cheese, crumbled • green onions sprouts

### Serve with

crostini • thinly sliced New York Striploin

Sauté shallots and garlic in a saucepan until soft. Add flour and cook until slightly golden. Whisk in wine and mustard; reduce by 2/3. Slowly whisk in butter. Remove from heat: add parsley and broth and season with salt and pepper to taste.

### Prepare your board

Combine all compound butter ingredients together. Spread softened compound butter onto a wooden board or platter. Top with crumbled blue cheese, green onions and sprouts. Finish the board with a generous drizzle of red wine demi.

### **Quick and Easy Chicken Parmesan**

1 box Denninger's Chicken Schnitzel, thawed ■ 2 tsp olive oil ■ 2 tsp butter ■ 1 cup Carbone Marinara Sauce ■ 2 tbsp Tre Stelle Parmesan. grated • 3 slices Tre Stelle Mozzarella • 3 large hasil leaves

Cook the Chicken Schnitzel as directed on the packaging.

Next, heat the Carbone Marinara sauce in a small saucepan on medium. Spread the warm Carbone Marinara evenly over the cutlets. Arrange the mozzarella over the cutlets and top with the parmesan. On an oven-safe sheet tray, broil the cutlets until the mozzarella is melted. Add the remaining sauce to a serving dish. Garnish with fresh basil and serve.

Best paired with penne or spaghetti pasta, enjoy!







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### Le Douanier Potato Tart

5 Yukon gold potatoes, peeled • 1 medium onion, diced • 1 pkg puff pastry • 2 eggs • 3/4 cup 35% whipping cream • 2 tbsp dry white wine • salt • black pepper, freshly ground • 4-6 long slices of Fritz Kaiser Le Douanier Cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Cut the potatoes and onion in very thin slices in a food processor. Spread the puff pastry in a pie pan and prick the dough with a fork. Add a layer of potatoes to the dough, top with a layer of onions and finish with the remaining potatoes.

In a bowl, mix eggs, cream, wine, salt and pepper. Pour the egg mixture on top of the potatoes. Cover with slices of Le Douanier cheese. Bake for 30 minutes and serve warm.

### **Hazelnut Torte**

### Cake

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour = 1 cup granulated sugar = 1 cup brown sugar = 1 cup cocoa powder = 1-1/2 tsp baking powder = 1-1/2 tsp baking soda = 1 tsp salt = 2 large eggs = 1 cup plain Greek yogurt or sour cream

- 1/2 cup canola oil 1 tsp vanilla extract 1/4 cup hazelnut liqueur
- ■1 tbsp instant espresso powder 3/4 cup boiling water 4 bittersweet chocolate squares, finely chopped and melted in a microwave

### Filling

1 tub Tre Stelle® Extra Smooth Ricotta Cheese ■ 2 tbsp hazelnut liqueur ■1 cup hazelnut spread ■1/4 cup confectioners sugar ■1 cup hazelnuts, toasted, finely chopped ■1 cup whole toasted hazelnuts ■1/4 cup hazelnut spread

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Coat 2 – 9" round cake pans with cooking spray and line the bottom of each with parchment paper; re-spray and set aside.

In a large bowl, sift together flour, sugars, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a separate medium bowl, combine eggs, yogurt (or sour cream), oil and vanilla; whisk until combined.

Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and combine. In a small bowl combine hazelnut liqueur, espresso powder and boiling water. Pour into batter and whisk until smooth. Add melted chocolate and continue to whisk until combined.

Pour batter equally into prepared pans. Bake for 30 minutes or until the tester inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool 10 minutes before removing from pan; peel the parchment paper off and flip so cake layers face up.

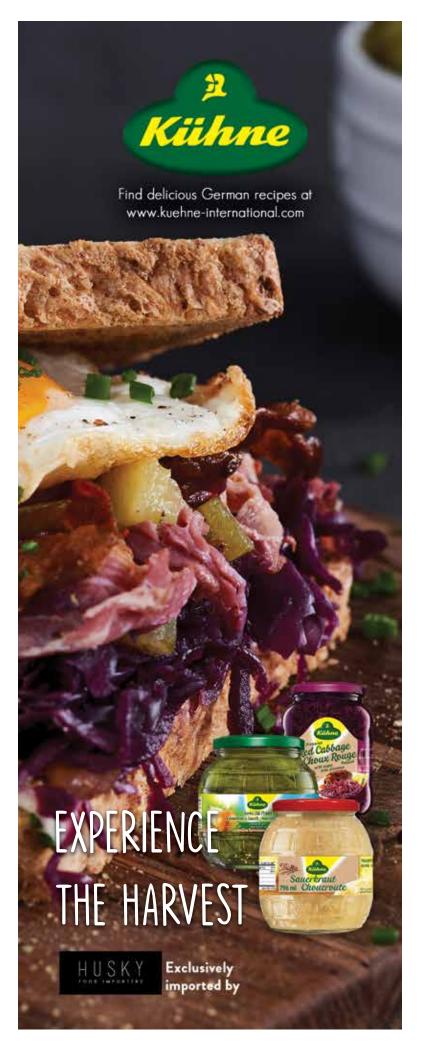
Once the cake is cooled, slice each cake in half horizontally to create four equal layers.

### Filling

In a medium bowl, combine ricotta cheese, hazelnut liqueur, hazelnut spread, and confectioners sugar, and blend until smooth. Stir in toasted hazelnut pieces.

### **Assembly**

Place one cake layer on the serving plate. Spread one-third of the filling to the edge on the cake. Top with the second layer and continue to fill with the remaining layers ending with cake on the top. Tuck whole hazelnuts between visible layers. Ice top of cake with hazelnut spread, top with additional hazelnuts to garnish (optional). Refrigerate for 1-2 hours before serving.







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