GRILLED HALLOUMI SANDWICHES



PREP TIME

20 Minutes



COOKING TIME

20 Minutes



SERVES

4



Ingredients

 400 g block halloumi cheese

Red Pepper Pesto Spread:

- ½ cup (125 ml) storebought red pepper spread
- ½ cup (125 ml) storebought sun-dried tomato pesto

Rapini Slaw:

- Leaves and tender stalks of 1 bunch of rapini
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp butter
- 4 multigrain hamburger buns or other bread, cut in half horizontally

Steps to Make

- Cut halloumi cheese into 4 slices. Place in a bowl of water and soak for 30 minutes to help remove excess salt. Transfer to a paper towel lined plate before grilling.
- 2. **Red Pepper Spread:** In a small bowl, combine the red pepper spread with the tomato pesto. Reserve.
- 3. Rapini Slaw: Fill a medium saucepan with water. Bring to a boil, then season with salt. Blanch the rapini in the water for 1 minute and transfer to an ice bath to stop the cooking. When cooled down, squeeze the rapini to remove as much water as possible then roughly chop. In a bowl, mix the rapini with the crushed garlic, red wine vinegar, olive oil and lemon zest.
- 4. **Halloumi Sandwiches:** In a cast iron skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil and butter. Add the halloumi slices and cook for 2 minutes on both sides or until golden brown. Transfer to a plate and reserve.
- 5. Reheat skillet or grill pan over medium high heat. Lightly toast the insides of the buns and set aside.
- 6. To assemble, spread red pepper spread on the bottom of each bun, add one slice of halloumi and 1/4 of the rapini slaw to each. Grill the sandwiches 2 at a time by pressing down lightly with the panini press or flat



spatula, until nicely browned, approximately two minutes. Remove from heat and serve immediately.

