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DUCK BREAST WITH CRUSHED POTATOES, ASPARAGUS AND SPICED SAUCE

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Difficulty: Easy



INGREDIENTS

Potatoes

- 400g roasting potatoes
- 2 Tblsp Luv-a-Duck, Duck Fat
- 1 head of garlic, broken into cloves
- 2 Tblsp chopped oregano

Sauce

- 1 Tblsp olive oil
- 1 small shallot, finely chopped
- 1 cinamon stick
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 2 cardamom pods
- 10 pink peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 Tblsp castor sugar
- 1 Tblsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1Tblsp Grand Mariner
- 300ml Duck Stock (can be substituted with chicken stock)

Duck

- 4 Luv-a-Duck Moisture Infused Duck Breasts
- Salt and pepper

To Plate

- 2 bunches asparagus
- 20g of butter

METHOD

To cook the potatoes

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
- 2. Peel and cut the potatoes into even sized pieces, put into a saucepan, with plenty of cold salted water, bring to the boil and allow to simmer until tender. Do not overcook. Drain the potatoes.
- 3. Place the potatoes back into the pan in which they were cooked and add the Duck Fat and the salt and pepper.
- 4. Cover with the lid on and give them a vigorous shake to rough up the edges and coat them with the Duck Fat.
- 5. Place potatoes in a roasting tray with the garlic cloves in a single layer and roast in the oven for approximately 40 minutes or until golden and crunchy.
- 6. Season with salt and pepper and mix with oregano.

To make the sauce

- 7. Meanwhile in a saucepan, heat the olive oil. Add the shallot, spices and bay leaf, cook until the shallots are translucent and are soft in texture.
- 8. Deglaze the pan with the vinegar, add the sugar and reduce, cooking until a light caramel colour.
- 9. Add the Grand Mariner and orange juice and reduce by two thirds, or until it resembles a syrup. Add the Duck Stock and reduce the sauce by two thirds.
- 10. Pass through a fine sieve, discarding the shallots and spices, and pour the sauce back into the saucepan. Set aside until needed.

To cook the Duck

- 11. Score the skin of the duck breast by making shallow cuts and season both sides of the breast with salt and pepper.
- 12. Place duck breast in medium warm pan skin-side down and cook until brown and crispy, 4-5 minutes. Rest for 5 minutes.

To Plate

- 13. Steam the Asparagus
- 14. Return the sauce to heat, whisk the butter and check the seasoning.
- 15. Cut the Duck Breast into slices and serve with the sauce and crushed potatoes and asparagus.

CHEF'S TIPS

This recipe can be created with Luv-a-Duck's Fresh Duck Breasts.