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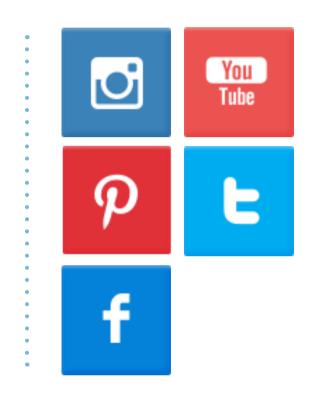
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Crema Catalana with Tofu

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This Vegan Tofu Crema Catalana is the result of a fusion of cooking techniques and unique ingredients. Inspired by a smoothie made with silken tofu, Azu created this recipe for traditional Spanish dessert crema catalana.

Crema Catalana with Tofu

Serves: 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 block (349 grams 12.3 oz) extra firm silken tofu
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ¹/₂ cup soymilk
- ¼ cup muscovado sugar
- 2 tsp Truvia
- Zest of ¼ orange
- Zest of ½ lime
- ¹/₈ tsp ground anise
- ¹⁄₂ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp cornstarch
- 1¹/₂ tsp water
- 4 tsp sugar for browning (1 teaspoon for each ramekin)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a food processor, pulse tofu with vanilla extract until it has a smooth texture. Reserve.

- 2. Put the soymilk, sugars, orange and lime zest, anise and cinnamon in a saucepan and gently bring to a boil. Remove from heat and allow to infuse for 10 minutes.
- 3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl whisk the cornstarch with the water.
- 4. Reheat the milk mixture and just before it reaches boiling point, add the cornstarch. Whisk continuously until it begins to thicken, around 5 minutes. When the mixture coats the back of a wooden spoon, add it to the tofu blend. Pulse for a few seconds just to integrate. Pour into ramekins and let cool. Cover each ramekin with plastic wrap and place the ramekins in the fridge. Let them refrigerate for at least 3 hours, preferably overnight.
- 5. Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F). Before serving, sprinkle 1 teaspoon sugar over the top of each ramekin, place the ramekins on a tray and allow the sugar to caramelize a little bit, around 10 minutes. (If you have a blowtorch use it in this step)
- 6. You can serve them hot or cold.
- 7. Enjoy!



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