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## VEGAN VALENTINE'S DAY RECIPES

# VEGAN CHOCOLATE CARAMELS

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Rich and gooey homemade vegan chocolate caramels. So decadent and delicious and surprisingly easy to make. Perfect as an indulgent treat or as a gift for someone special.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 chocolate mold or if you don't mind large chocolates a silicone ice cube tray would work.
- 100g | ½ cup coconut sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons tahini
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil (refined or unrefined is fine)
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 300g | 2 cups vegan dark chocolate

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### INSTRUCTIONS

**1.** Add the coconut sugar and water to a pan.

- 2. Place over a medium heat and cook until the sugar has completely dissolved and it is just starting to bubble. DO NOT STIR!! If you need to, just swirl the pan a bit. It will take 2- 3 minutes max. Do not leave it unattended as it will burn very easily if left too long.
- Remove from the heat and add the coconut oil, tahini, salt and vanilla. Stir very well until it is well combined. It is normal to see a few little light flecks through it. If you have trouble getting it to come together put it over a low heat for 30 seconds or so.
- Remove from the heat and leave to cool. It will be very runny at first but will thicken up nicely as it cools. It doesn't take long.
- When the caramel is cool melt your chocolate. I melted mine in a bowl over a pan of gently simmering water.
- Pour some melted chocolate into the bottom of each mold. I used a spoon and a knife to just push the melted chocolate gently off the edge of it into the molds. You need a depth of about 3-4 mms. No need to be too exact. Just eyeball it. Remember though if it's too thin the will be very hard to remove from the mold intact.
- 7. Once you have chocolate in each mold use the end of a knife to just push the chocolate pooled in the bottom up the sides of each mold to coat it.
- Now spoon some caramel into each mold. You need to leave room for about 2-3mm of chocolate to be poured on top. Don't be tempted to overdo it as you'll end up with a gooey mess.
- **9.** The caramel will level itself out as you pour it in.
- **10.** Now cover the caramel with chocolate.
- Use a pallet knife or the back of a regular knife to run along the top and level everything off nicely.
- **12.** Pop the mold into the freezer. Make sure it is kept flat.
- 13. Within 20-30 minutes they will be hard enough to turn out of the mold.
- 14. If you only have one mold you will need to repeat the process. Your chocolate should still be melted enough to continue but if it isn't just warm it slightly again.

