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ITALIAN INSPIRED RECIPES

MADE WITH LOW PROTEIN PASTA
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The Mennucci family began making Loprofin Pasta almost 50 years ago in Tuscany. It is now in its fifth generation and is managed by Lorenzo Mennucci.

In 1877, Giuseppe Mennucci started making pasta in a small grocery store in the countryside of Tuscany. At that time, the process of making and drying the pasta was carried out in the courtyard under the sun. This all nearly ended during the Second World War, when the company was bombed and partially destroyed. After the bombing, the Mennucci family was quick to rebuild the factory. During the rebuilding process, all pasta machines that were not destroyed were moved into local homes near Tuscany to maintain the production of pasta.

Lorenzo Mennucci, 5th generation of the Mennucci Family.

The Mennucci Family produce pasta for all over the world.
The Mennucci Family produce a variety of pasta shapes which are mainly sourced from Italy. There are only four ingredients in low protein pasta which are mainly starches: corn, potato, rice and coloring (annatto). Lorenzo believes that when there are so few ingredients in a product it is important that you use the highest quality of ingredients.

The main difference in the production of low protein pasta and ordinary pasta is that gluten is the protein that binds the dough in ordinary pasta. For low protein pasta steam is used instead to bind the starches together to make a dough.

The Mennucci’s Low Protein Pasta is made using spring water that comes from the Tuscan mountains.

Tips for cooking the perfect low protein pasta

1. Make sure the water is boiling vigorously.
2. Add a little oil to the water.
3. Add the low protein pasta and stir for 1 minute until the water is brought back to the boil. Check the product packaging for cooking time.
4. Occasionally stir the pasta during cooking to stop it sticking together.
5. Drain the pasta straight away.
6. Rinse thoroughly with cold water to stop it sticking together.
Garlic Bread
Serves: 1

This is a traditional dish in Tuscany and similar to garlic bread. It was originally associated with the month of November as the locals celebrated the harvest of olives.

INGREDIENTS:
2 slices of low protein bread
1 clove of garlic, halved
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Pinch of coarse sea salt

METHOD:
1. Toast the slices of low protein bread
2. Once toasted rub it generously with the garlic clove.
3. Drizzle each slice with extra virgin olive oil.
4. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt.

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Caponata

Eggplant Relish
Serves: 8

This is a famous dish in Sicily and goes really well on an antipasti menu. Serve at room temperate with some toasted Fettunta (see page 3). This freezes well for up to 3 months.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 small eggplant, cut in ¾” cubes
- Salt and pepper
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, finely sliced
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 3 tbsp capers
- 1 ½ tbsp white wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp sugar
- ½ cup green olives

**METHOD:**
1. Place the eggplant cubes in a colander, sprinkle with salt and allow to rest for 30 minutes. Rinse and pat dry.
2. Heat some olive oil in a large frying pan. Fry the eggplant until it is soft and golden in color.
3. Heat some olive oil in a pan, sauté the onion and celery on a low heat for 5 minutes.
4. Add the tomato sauce, capers, vinegar and sugar and simmer for 5 minutes.
5. Add the eggplant and olives and cook for a further 10 minutes.
6. Season with salt and pepper.
7. Allow to cool and refrigerate for 24 hours before serving.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION:**

**Per Recipe:**
- Protein: 13 g
- Leucine: 603 mg
- Phenylalanine: 485 mg
- Tyrosine: 263 mg

**Per Serving:**
- Protein: 1.6 g
- Leucine: 75 mg
- Phenylalanine: 61 mg
- Tyrosine: 33 mg

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Peperoni Marinati

Marinated Peppers
Serves: 4

These marinated peppers are a perfect addition to an antipasti platter. These are known as peperonata and originate in the south of Italy. This will keep refrigerated for about 1 week. It is delicious in salads and sandwiches.

INGREDIENTS:
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- ½ green pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 yellow pepper, thinly sliced
- ½ red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 small sprig (or 1 tsp) of rosemary, chopped
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:
1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the onions, peppers and rosemary and sauté on a low heat for 10 minutes, until the vegetables are very tender.
2. Remove from the heat and stir in the balsamic vinegar.
3. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Serve hot or cold.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:

| Protein | 6.7 g |
| Leucine | 267 mg |
| Phenylalanine | 307 mg |
| Tyrosine | 104 mg |

| Per Serving: |
| Protein | 1.7 g |
| Leucine | 67 mg |
| Phenylalanine | 77 mg |
| Tyrosine | 26 mg |

Olive Marinati

Marinated Olives
Serves: 1

Olives are really popular all over Italy. The leftover marinades can be used as a salad dressing.

INGREDIENTS:

| COMBINATION 1 |
| Handful of black olives |
| Zest of ½ lemon |
| 1 small sprig (or 1 tsp) of rosemary, chopped |
| 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil |

| COMBINATION 2 |
| Handful of green olives |
| 1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped |
| 1 clove garlic, finely chopped |
| 1 tsp lemon juice |
| 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil |

METHOD:
1. Choose your combination and combine all of the ingredients.
2. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours for the flavors to develop.
3. Serve at room temperature.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:

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| Protein | 0.9 g |
| Leucine | 50 mg |
| Phenylalanine | 30 mg |
| Tyrosine | 21 mg |

| Per Recipe: (Combo 2) |
| Protein | 1.3 g |
| Leucine | 71 mg |
| Phenylalanine | 38 mg |
| Tyrosine | 26 mg |
Marinated Olives and Peppers with Caponata
Funghi Portobello alla Giglia con Limone e Olio Rosmarino

Grilled Portobello Mushrooms with Lemon and Rosemary Oil
Serves: 2

Mushrooms are popular all over Italy. You could experiment with different fillings such as chili, parsley and roasted red peppers. They are also delicious served with a sage butter sauce (see page 42).

INGREDIENTS:
2 medium portobello mushrooms, stems removed
¼ cup of low protein breadcrumbs
1 clove of garlic, diced
Zest of ½ lemon
1 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp chopped parsley
Salt and pepper

For the lemon and rosemary oil:
Zest of ½ lemon
1 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 small sprig (or 1 tsp) of rosemary, finely chopped
Salt and pepper

METHOD:
1. Preheat the grill to a moderate temperature.
2. Brush the mushrooms on both sides with a little olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
3. Place the low protein breadcrumbs, garlic, lemon zest and parsley in a bowl with a little seasoning. Add in the remaining olive oil and spoon the mixture into the mushrooms.
4. Grill the mushrooms for 6–7 minutes, or until just cooked through.
5. Meanwhile, make the lemon and rosemary oil by mixing all of the ingredients together.
6. Drizzle each mushroom with the lemon dressing and serve with a green salad.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:
Per Recipe:
- Protein: 5.6 g
- Leucine: 68 mg
- Phenylalanine: 45 mg
- Tyrosine: 26 mg

Per Serving:
- Protein: 2.8 g
- Leucine: 34 mg
- Phenylalanine: 23 mg
- Tyrosine: 13 mg

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**Panzanella**

**Tuscan Bread Salad**
Serves: 4

This is extremely popular all over Italy but mainly in Tuscany. It uses delicious summer vegetables and leftover bread. It’s such a fresh salad and so full of flavor. It’s important that the salad isn’t mixed too far in advance or the bread will go soggy.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- ¾ cup stale low protein bread, cubed
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, diced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 celery stalk, sliced thinly on the diagonal
- ½ red pepper, diced
- ½ cucumber, diced
- 1 tsp capers, chopped
- 2 tbsp basil, chopped

For the red wine vinaigrette:
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- ½ tsp Dijon mustard
- ½ shallot, minced
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp sugar

**METHOD:**
1. To make the vinaigrette, combine all of the ingredients in the “For the red wine vinaigrette” section
2. To prepare the salad, combine everything in a large bowl. Add the vinaigrette and toss.
3. Serve immediately.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION:**

**Per Recipe:**
- Protein 4 g
- Leucine 170 mg
- Phenylalanine 141 mg
- Tyrosine 69 mg

**Per Serving:**
- Protein 1 g
- Leucine 43 mg
- Phenylalanine 35 mg
- Tyrosine 17 mg

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**Fettunta al Pomodoro**

*Bruschetta*  
Serves: 2

This dish is a Tuscan bruschetta. For this recipe, make sure your tomatoes are perfectly ripe, red and sweet.

**INGREDIENTS:**  
- 2 slices of low protein bread  
- 1 clove of garlic, halved  
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
- 2 ripe tomatoes, deseeded and chopped  
- 3 sun-dried tomatoes, chopped  
- ¼ red onion, finely sliced  
- 5 fresh basil leaves  
- Salt and pepper

**METHOD:**  
1. Toast the bread and rub it with the garlic clove.  
2. Drizzle each slice with extra virgin olive oil.  
3. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt.  
4. Mix the chopped tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes and red onion together in a bowl.  
5. Spoon the mixture onto the garlic toasted bread.  
6. Drizzle with more olive oil and scatter with the basil leaves.

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**Melanzane alla Parmigiana**

**Eggplant Parmigiano**

Serves: 3

This is probably the most famous dish to originate from Naples.

**INGREDIENTS:**
1 medium eggplant, sliced ¾” (2 cm) thick
Salt and pepper
Extra virgin olive oil
1 cup of tomato sauce
1 bunch of fresh basil
½ cup low protein cheese

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat the oven to (350°F) 180°C.
2. Place the eggplant slices in a colander, sprinkle with salt and allow to rest for 30 minutes. Rinse and pat dry.
3. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the eggplant in batches over a medium heat for a few minutes. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Spread the tomato sauce over the bottom of a small baking dish. Cover with a layer of eggplant and a layer of basil leaves.
5. Continue with another layer of eggplant, ending with tomato sauce.
6. Sprinkle the low protein cheese on top and bake for 20–25 minutes.
7. Finish with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil and lots of fresh basil.
8. Serve with a green salad and some fettunta (see page 3).

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**Italian Vegetable Soup**

Serves: 4

Tuscany is famous for its variety of soups. This soup tastes better the next day. The Loprofin Rice resembles orzo pasta which is commonly served in Italian soups. Remove the beans if the listed protein is too high.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 carrot, cubed
- 2 sticks of celery, finely sliced
- 1 bay leaf and 4 sprigs of thyme
- 1 zucchini, cubed
- ¼ cup white beans\(^\d\), drained
- ¾ cup chopped tomatoes
- 2 ½ cup vegetable stock\(^\d\)
- 50 g cooked Loprofin Rice
- Small bunch of basil
- Salt and pepper

**METHOD:**
1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the onion, carrots and celery and gently cook for 20 minutes, or until soft. Add a little water if they stick.
2. Add the garlic, tomato purée, herbs and zucchini and cook for 4–5 minutes on a medium heat until they brown a little.
3. Pour in the chopped tomatoes and vegetable stock and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Add the cooked Loprofin Rice and beans and simmer.
5. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Sprinkle with basil and drizzle with some extra virgin olive oil.
7. This soup will freeze well for up to 6 months.

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\(^\d\)Check the protein content on the food label.
**Cannelloni Zucchine e Funghi**

**Zucchini and Mushroom Cannelloni**  
Serves: 3 (2 rolls per serving)

This is a classic Italian dish. The nutmeg gives a gorgeous flavor.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 medium zucchini, chopped
- 1 cup mushrooms, chopped
- ⅓ cup low protein cheese
- 1 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- Salt and pepper
- 6 Loprofin Lasagne Sheets
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- Fresh basil Leaves
- 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

**METHOD:**
1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C)
2. In a large frying pan, fry the onion in the olive oil until softened.
3. Add the zucchini and mushrooms and cook until soft.
4. Mix in the low protein cheese and season the mix with grated nutmeg, salt and pepper.
5. To prepare the Loprofin Lasagne Sheets: In a pot of boiling water add the Loprofin Lasagne Sheets and boil for 4 minutes until soft and easy to fold. Do this with two separate batches to prevent the lasagne sheets from sticking together.
6. Divide the zucchini and mushroom filling between the 6 Loprofin Lasagne Sheets and fold into 6 rolls.
7. Place Lasagne rolls in a small baking dish.
8. Cover the rolls with your tomato sauce and drizzle with some extra virgin olive oil.
9. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes. If the top starts to go brown you can cover the dish with tin foil.
10. Serve with some fresh basil leaves and a drizzle of balsamic vinegar.

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Spaghetti alla Puttanesca

Serves: 2

This recipe originates from Naples. It’s fiery, spicy, salty and absolutely delicious.

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
8.5 oz can, crushed tomatoes
Salt and pepper
½ tsp of crushed chili flakes
1 tbsp chopped parsley
1 tsp dried oregano
200 g Loprofin Spaghetti
1 tbsp capers, chopped
4 black olives, pitted and sliced

METHOD:
1. Heat a little oil in a frying pan. Sauté the garlic until it is lightly colored.
2. Add the tomatoes, salt, pepper, chili flakes and cook the mixture over a medium heat for 3–4 minutes until the tomato liquid is slightly reduced.
3. Lower the heat, add the parsley and oregano and simmer the sauce gently for 20 minutes.
4. Cook the Loprofin Spaghetti as per packet instructions.
5. Add the capers and olives to the pan.
6. Toss the cooked Loprofin Spaghetti into the sauce. If the sauce appears dry, add a splash of water from the pasta pot.

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| Phenylalanine | 168 mg |
| Tyrosine | 95 mg |

Per Serving:
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| Leucine | 129 mg |
| Phenylalanine | 84 mg |
| Tyrosine | 48 mg |

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**Tagliatelle con Polpette di Melanzane**

**Tagliatelle with Eggplant Balls**

Serves: 2  
Makes: 10 Eggplant balls

These eggplant balls are light, full of flavor and absolutely addictive.

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 large eggplant  
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil  
1 cup low protein breadcrumbs  
2 large garlic cloves, finely chopped  
1 tsp chopped mint  
1 tsp dried oregano  
1 tbsp of egg replacer  
Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg  
1 cup tomato sauce  
Salt and pepper  
150 g Loprofin Tagliatelle

**METHOD:**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C)  
2. Cut the eggplant in half, rub with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on a baking tray and roast for about 30 minutes. Allow to cool slightly before scooping out the flesh.  
3. Mash the garlic with the eggplant flesh.  
4. Combine the breadcrumbs with the oregano, egg replacer and nutmeg and add to the eggplant flesh. Salt and pepper to taste.  
5. Mold the mixture into 10 even sized balls.  
6. Heat 1 tbsp of olive oil in a frying pan. Fry the balls until golden turning from side to side.  
7. Once cooked, remove the eggplant balls from the pan and add tomato sauce to heat.  
8. Cook the Loprofin Tagliatelle as per packet instructions.  
9. Dish on each plate ½ of the pasta and ½ of the tomato sauce with 2 eggplant balls. Drizzle with olive oil and fresh basil. Eggplant balls will keep in the fridge up to 1 week and can be frozen up to 6 months.

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**IDEAS FOR LEFTOVER EGGPLANT BALLS:**

- Pack for lunch and plate with a nice green salad  
- Mid-day snack option throughout the week  
- Freeze to use for meal on another date

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Spaghetti Aglio e Olio

Spaghetti with garlic and oil
Serves: 2

Essentially Spaghetti Aglio e Olio is pasta in garlic oil, but cooked correctly, this dish results in something really special: a perfectly scented, extra virgin oil-infused garlic and chili wrapped around al dente pasta.

INGREDIENTS:
150 g Loprofin Spaghetti
6 garlic cloves, sliced thinly
½ tsp dried red chili flakes
2 tbsp fresh parsley, finely chopped
3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
Sea salt and black pepper

METHOD:
1. Cook the Loprofin Spaghetti as per packet instructions. While the spaghetti is cooking, place a large frying pan over a medium-high heat and add the olive oil.
2. Fry the garlic until slightly golden. Add in the red chili flakes and fry for a further minute.
3. Add the oil with garlic and chili flakes, 3 fl oz of reserved cooking water and chopped parsley to the cooked pasta and toss until the pasta is evenly coated.
4. Serve immediately.

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Penne a la Norma

Serves: 2

This dish is named after the famous opera, Norma, composed by Bellini from Catania in Sicily.

INGREDIENTS:
1 eggplant, finely sliced and quartered
1.5 tbsp salt
4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 cup tomato sauce
150 g Loprofin Penne Pasta
½ cup low protein cheese
Salt and pepper
5 fresh basil leaves

METHOD:
1. Place the eggplant quarters in a colander, sprinkle with salt and allow to rest for 30 minutes. Rinse and pat dry.
2. Fry the eggplant in the olive oil in 2 batches until soft and golden. Set aside and keep warm.
3. Pour the tomato sauce in a saucepan and heat through, keeping warm.
4. Meanwhile, cook the Loprofin Penne as per packet instructions, drain and reserve some of the cooking water.
5. Add the pasta into the heated tomato sauce. If the pasta is a little sticky, loosen it with the reserved cooking water.
6. Transfer to a serving platter, spoon over any remaining sauce and place the eggplants on top.
7. Shred some basil on top and sprinkle with the low protein cheese.
8. Drizzle with some extra virgin olive oil.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:
Per Recipe:
Protein 10 g
Leucine 539 mg
Phenylalanine 397 mg
Tyrosine 232 mg

Per Serving:
Protein 5 g
Leucine 270 mg
Phenylalanine 199 mg
Tyrosine 116 mg

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**Fusilli agli Asparagi**

**Fusilli with Asparagus**

Serves: 2

Historically, Sicilians would sprinkle dried breadcrumbs over pasta dishes instead of parmesan cheese to save money. The crunchy herb topping beautifully contrasts this dish.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 clove of garlic, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 cup asparagus, chopped
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 2 tbsp of fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 150 g Loprofin Fusilli

**Breadcrumb topping**
- ½ cup low protein breadcrumbs
- 1 clove of garlic, finely chopped
- ½ tbsp olive oil
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 tbsp rosemary, chopped

**METHOD:**
1. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan and sauté the garlic and onion until soft.
2. Add the white wine and allow to simmer for 2 minutes.
3. Add the chopped asparagus and fresh rosemary. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Add the vegetable stock and butter, and allow to come to a gentle simmer for 10 minutes.
5. Cook the Loprofin Fusilli as per packet instructions.
6. While the pasta is cooking, make the breadcrumb topping by frying the breadcrumbs, garlic, rosemary and lemon zest in the olive oil for 3 minutes.
7. Add the cooked Loprofin Fusilli into the asparagus sauce and finish by sprinkling with the golden breadcrumbs.
8. Serve with a drizzle of olive oil and seasoning.

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Salsad i Pomodoro

Tomato Sauce
Makes: ~3 cups

This is a core recipe in Italy. It is used in many dishes and is worth making in large batches for freezing. Its versatility means it can be used with pasta, pizza, lasagne and soup. If you have ripe red tomatoes during the summer you could use them instead of canned tomatoes.

INGREDIENTS:
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 tsp tomato puree
- 2 x 14.5 oz can of tomatoes
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp sugar
- 10 large basil leaves

METHOD:
1. Heat the olive oil in a large pan. Add the garlic and cook for about 2–3 minutes on a low heat until soft. Add the tomato puree and cook for a further 1 minute. Add the tomatoes along with their juices and season with salt and pepper.
2. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 30 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened.
3. At the last minute shred the basil and add to the sauce.
4. The sauce will keep in the fridge for 1 week and can be frozen for up to 6 months.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:
Per Recipe:
- Protein 8.1 g
- Leucine 320 mg
- Phenylalanine 225 mg
- Tyrosine 140 mg

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**Pesto**

Makes: ~2 cups

This originates in Genoa. Traditionally pesto includes parmesan and pine nuts but this low protein version is bursting with a fresh herby flavor.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 cloves of garlic
- Juice of ½ lemon (1-2 tbsp)
- 2 cups of fresh basil leaves
- ½ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper

**METHOD:**
1. To make the pesto, using a hand blender, blend the basil, lemon juice, olive oil and garlic together and set aside. Season with salt and pepper. If you want a thinner consistency you can add more olive oil.
2. This will keep in the fridge for up to 1 week.

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SAUCES

Serving suggestion
Arrabbiata

Spicy Tomato Sauce
Makes: 1½ cups

This is a spicy tomato sauce. Delicious with all types of pasta.

INGREDIENTS:
- 1½ cups of tomato sauce (page 36)
- 1½ tsp red pepper chili flakes (or to taste)
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper
- Chopped parsley (to taste)
- Chopped basil (to taste)

METHOD:
1. Add sauce, chili flakes and lemon juice to saucepan and bring to a simmer.
2. Cook for 30 minutes. Season with salt, pepper.
3. Finish by adding parsley and basil to taste.
4. This sauce will keep in the fridge for 1 week and can be frozen for up to 6 months.

Burro alla Salvia e Limon

Sage and Lemon Butter
Makes: ½ cup

A simple sauce that is delicious drizzled over pasta, soups or toast.

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 stick (8 tbsp) butter
- 1½ tbsp chopped sage leaves
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:
1. Melt the butter in a large frying pan.
2. Add the sage and fry for a few seconds.
3. Quickly remove the pan from the heat and add the lemon juice and season with salt and pepper.
4. This will keep for about 1 week in the fridge.

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DESSERTS
Pesche al Forno Ripiene

Baked Peaches

Serves: 2

This dessert is so simple to make but looks really special. It is perfectly light and sweet. The peaches are equally delicious served hot or cold.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 peaches
- 2 low protein sugar cookies
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp simple syrup
- ¼ cup non-dairy whipped cream
- ½ tsp vanilla seeds from a pod or ½ tsp vanilla extract

**SIMPLE SYRUP INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp almond extract

**METHOD:**
1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C). Grease a baking tray with butter.
2. Halve the peaches and remove the pits. Scoop out some of the flesh with a small spoon and place into a bowl.
3. Mix the cookies, sugar and simple syrup with the peach flesh.
4. Place the peaches on the greased baking tray. Spoon the simple sugar mix into the peaches.
5. Bake for 15–20 minutes.
6. Mix the vanilla with the whipped cream and serve with the peaches.

**NUTRITION INFORMATION:**

**Per Recipe:**
- Protein: 3.2 g
- Leucine: 105 mg
- Phenylalanine: 72 mg
- Tyrosine: 54 mg

**Per Serving:**
- Protein: 1.6 g
- Leucine: 53 mg
- Phenylalanine: 36 mg
- Tyrosine: 27 mg

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**Affogato al Caffè**

*Frozen Dessert Drowned in Coffee*

Serves: 1

A true authentic Italian dessert. A perfect sweet pick me up after a rich meal.

**INGREDIENTS:**

½ cup of vanilla non-dairy frozen dessert

1 shot of espresso

**METHOD:**

Scoop the frozen dessert into a serving bowl, pour the hot coffee over it and serve.

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Prugne al Vino Rosso

Prunes Soaked in Red Wine with Orange Whipped Cream

Serves: 2

These are rich, indulgent and absolutely delicious. The orange whipped cream is the perfect creamy tangy accompaniment.

INGREDIENTS:
¾ cup pitted prunes
½ cup boiling water
½ cup red wine
2 tsp of honey
1 vanilla pod, cut in half lengthwise
1 tsp of ground cinnamon
Zest of ½ orange

Orange whipped cream
3 tbsp non-dairy whipped cream
Juice and zest of ½ orange
1 tsp of confectioners’ sugar (also called powdered sugar)

METHOD:
1. Place the prunes in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Leave to sit for 5 minutes and drain.
2. Gently heat the wine, honey, cinnamon and vanilla pod seeds in a saucepan until simmering.
3. Add the prunes to the simmering wine. Cover and simmer 10 minutes.
4. To make the orange whipped cream, mix together the whipped cream, orange juice, orange zest and confectioners’ sugar.
5. Serve the prunes warm or at room temperature with some of the remaining juices and the orange whipped cream.

NUTRITION INFORMATION:
Per Recipe:
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Per Serving:
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Tyrosine 18 mg

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**Red Wine Soaked Strawberries**

**Fragole al Vino Rosso**

Serves: 2

This is such a delicate dish and is very popular during the summer months in Chianti, an area in Italy famous for their wine. Ripe strawberries work best for this recipe.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 (16 oz) basket of strawberries
- ½ cup of red wine
- 1 tbsp of caster sugar
- Zest of ½ lemon
- ½ vanilla pod (seeds scrapped out)
- ¼ cup non-dairy whipped cream

**METHOD:**
1. Mix the wine, sugar, lemon zest and vanilla seeds together in a bowl.
2. Add in strawberries and chill in the fridge for up to 1 hour.
3. Serve berries at room temperature in small bowls with some of their juices and a dollop of whipped cream.

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