

Tender Red Bell Pepper French Soufflés + Crème Fraîche Drizzle + Sparkling Grape Punch

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Prep Time 30 / Cook Time 18 / Serves 4 - 6

Shopping List

□ FRESH
\square 1 red bell pepper
□ 1 lemon
\square 1 small bunch chives
☐ DAIRY AND EGGS
□ 2 eggs
□ 2/3 C milk
\square 1 T unsalted butter
\square 1/2 C crème fraîche or sour cream
□ PANTRY
\square 1 1/2 tsp granulated sugar
☐ 3 T all-purpose flour
□ 1 T cornstarch
□ 3/4 tsp salt
\square 1/2 tsp ground white pepper
\square 3 C white grape juice
□ 1 1/4 C sparkling water

□ HAVE ON HAND
□ ice (optional)
Fun-Da-Mentals Kitchen Skills
measure: to calculate the specific amount of an ingredient required using a measuring tool (like measuring cups or spoons).
mix: to thoroughly combine two or more ingredients until uniform in texture.
pour: to cause liquid, granules, or powder to stream from one container into another.
bake: to cook food with dry heat, as in an oven.
dice: to cut foods into small pieces of equal size so that the food is cooked evenly or looks uniform and pleasant when used in the recipe.
fold: to gently and slowly mix a light ingredient into a heavier ingredient so as not to lose air and to keep the mixture tender, such as incorporating whipped egg whites into a cake batter or folding blueberries into pancake batter; folding is a gentler action than mixing or whisking.
knife skills: Bear Claw (growl), Pinch, Plank, and Bridge (look out for trolls).
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Equipment
□ Pitcher
□ Cutting board
□ Kid-safe knife
□ Citrus squeezer (optional)
□ Liquid measuring cup
□ Wooden spoon
□ Oven
□ Muffin pan

\square 2 tsp fresh chives, chopped (roughly 1/4 bunch)
Sparkling Grape Punch
☐ 1 squeeze lemon juice (from 1/2 lemon)
☐ 3 C white grape juice
\square 1 C sparkling water
□ ice (optional)

Food Allergen Substitutions

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Egg: For 2 eggs, substitute 1/4 C aquafaba, the liquid in a can of chickpeas.

Gluten/Wheat: Substitute gluten-free/nut-free all-purpose flour.

Dairy: Substitute dairy-free/nut-free milk. Substitute dairy-free/nut-free butter, like Earth Balance brand.

Nightshade: For 1 red bell pepper, substitute 1 T chives.

Bubbling Crème Fraîche Drizzle

Dairy: Substitute dairy-free/nut-free plain yogurt for crème fraîche or sour cream.

Sparkling Grape Punch

Instructions

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intro

The soufflé (soo-FLAY) is a bouncy, beautiful creation made from a delicate combination of eggs and flour. For the perfect soufflé, it is important to whip and whisk as feverishly as possible. Otherwise, your concoction may fall flat. The reason is that the egg whites will give the soufflé its jiggly texture. The air bubbles you will add to the egg whites when whisking work almost like magic in this recipe. Trapped air bubbles will heat up and expand within the soufflé batter, causing the soufflé to erupt from the muffin pan! Have lots of fun whisking and making magic in your kitchen with these Tender Red Bell Pepper French Soufflés + Bubbling Crème Fraîche Drizzle!

dice + squeeze

Start by dicing 1 red bell pepper, chopping 1 tablespoon chives, and squeezing 1/2 lemon into

separate small bowls. Set each aside for later.

measure + whisk

Separate **2 eggs**. Place the whites in a medium bowl and the yolks in a large bowl. Then, measure **1/4 teaspoon white pepper**, **1/2 teaspoon salt**, **1 teaspoon sugar**, **2 tablespoons flour**, and **1 tablespoon cornstarch** and whisk into the egg yolks. Stir until all the lumps are gone.

Slowly drizzle **2/3 cup milk** into the egg yolks and dry ingredients while whisking. Whisk until all the milk is mixed in.

whisk + fold

Whisk the **2 egg whites** until they are fluffy. This will take a few minutes to accomplish. Fold the **egg whites**, **1/2 teaspoon lemon juice**, **2 teaspoons chopped chives**, and **diced bell pepper** into the **egg yolk** mixture. Be sure to take your time folding the ingredients in as slowly as possible. This will ensure that the soufflé is extra fluffy.

preheat + bake

Preheat your oven to 350 F. Grease your muffin pan with **1 tablespoon unsalted butter** and sprinkle **1 tablespoon flour** among the wells of the muffin pan. Then, add enough of the soufflé batter to fill each well halfway (roughly 2 tablespoons). Place the muffin pan into the oven and bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until golden brown and risen.

remove + cool + serve

Carefully, using a rubber spatula, remove the jiggly soufflés from the oven. Cool for a few minutes before serving. Sprinkle with the remaining **2 teaspoons of chopped chives**. Drizzle these tasty creations with **Bubbling Crème Fraîche Drizzle**! Bon appetit!

Bubbling Crème Fraîche Drizzle

measure + whisk

Measure 1/2 cup crème fraîche or sour cream, 1/4 cup sparkling water, 1 pinch of sugar, 1 pinch of salt, and 1 pinch of white pepper into a medium bowl. Whisk to combine.

Squeeze **1 teaspoon of lemon juice** into the crème fraîche. Then, chop **2 teaspoons of chives** and add that to the bowl. Stir to combine.

drizzle

Drizzle this tasty and light sauce in soups, stews, salad dressings, or all over Tender Red Bell Pepper French Soufflés! Bon appetit!

Sparkling Grape Punch

squeeze

Add 1 squeeze of lemon juice to a pitcher.

pour + mix

Measure **3 cups white grape juice** and **1 cup sparkling water** and pour them into the pitcher. Mix a few times with a wooden spoon.

pour + cheers

Pour over ice or serve at room temperature. Cheers!

Featured Ingredient: Egg Whites!

Hi! I'm an Egg White!

"When you crack an egg into a bowl or pan, I'm the clear, thick, liquid part of the egg which surrounds the round, yellow yolk! We're great when cooked together as a fried egg or when we're scrambled together. But we sometimes get separated from each other for a recipe because we can accomplish certain things better when we're apart than when we're together."

Another name for an egg white is "albumen." The word is also used to refer to the protein in egg whites. It is from the late 16th-century Latin, "albus" or "white."

The egg white protects the egg yolk and provides extra nutrition to an embryo (unhatched chick) if the egg is fertilized. An egg white has about 56 percent of an egg's protein.

An egg white is 90 percent water and contains almost no fat or cholesterol, compared to an egg yolk, which is high in fat and cholesterol. It takes up about two-thirds of a whole egg.

In baking, egg whites are used in meringue, mousse, angel food cake, French macarons, and coconut macaroons. You can also use whipped egg whites to leaven (raise) a cake.

Beating egg whites creates foam, eventually forming into three stages of peaks: soft, firm, and stiff. It is essential to prevent fats, including egg yolk, from getting into the egg whites, or they will not foam and create the desired peaks. If egg whites are beaten too long, they will collapse.

Dried egg whites are sometimes included in protein powders as their primary source of protein.

Egg whites can also act as a "fining" agent at the end of processing wines, beers, and nonalcoholic fruit juice drinks to clarify them and adjust their flavor by removing unwanted organic compounds.

From 1855 to the start of the 20th century, the albumen in egg whites were used in photography, binding photographic chemicals to paper to produce a printed photo from a negative.

Some people have an allergy or food intolerance to eggs, especially egg whites. It is one of the most common allergies in babies but is often outgrown during childhood.