Masala Chai Creme Brulee



Skill Yield Type Intermediate 4 portions Sweet Egg

This recipe puts an Indian spin on this classic French dessert by flavouring it with aromatic chai masala.

Ingredients

For the custard:

60g Caster sugar

tsp Vanilla essence

4 Egg yolks

350ml Heavy cream

2tsp Chai masala

For the assembly:

1tbsp Brown sugar

1tsp Chai masala

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Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 150°C.
- 2. Place 4 ramekins, shot glasses or chai glasses in a water bath so the water comes up to half their height. Keep aside.
- 3. To make the custard, combine the sugar, vanilla essence and egg yolks in a large mixing bowl. Whisk till smooth and keep aside.
- 4. Heat the cream in a saucepan. Stir in 2 tsp chai masala and let it come to a boil. Take off heat and strain. Leave aside for about 5 10 minutes to cool and for the flavours to infuse.
- 5. Pour the cream mixture into the egg mixture slowly, gently folding it together as you do so.
- 6. Ensure the custard that forms is lump free.
- 7. Pour the mixture into the prepared ramekins/glasses. Cover each with aluminium foil and bake for 35 minutes. Once cooked, allow to cool and refrigerate for about 2 hours.

For the assembly:

- Combine brown sugar and chai masala in a small bowl and keep aside.
- 2. When ready to serve, sprinkle a thin layer of the mixture over the surface of each custard.
- 3. Set the oven function to "Grill, small area" and temperature to "Grill-setting 3 (high)".
- 4. Place the custard bowls on a tray and transfer them to level 4 of the oven. Bake for 2-3 minutes for the sugar to caramelize.
- 5. Remove from the oven and keep aside to cool.
- 6. Serve once the custard cools down to room temperature.