

Wild Mushroom + Thyme Risotto with White Truffle Essence

Serves 8

INGREDIENTS

For the Mushrooms:

3/4 cup dried porcini mushrooms, hydrated in 5 cups hot water (reserve for risotto)

3/4 lb. cremini mushrooms, sliced 1/2 onion, finely diced

2 cloves of garlic, finely diced

2 tsp fresh thyme, chopped

1 tbsp sherry vinegar

1 tbsp olive oil

2 tbsp unsalted butter white truffle oil & pea shoots for garnish

For the Risotto:

2 tbsp olive oil

1 medium yellow onion, cut into small dice

2 cloves of garlic, finely diced

11/2 cups Arborio rice

1/2 cup white wine

5 cups porcini liquid (reserved from hydrated mushrooms)

1 ½ cup grated Parmesan

4 tbsp unsalted butter

METHOD

For the Mushrooms:

- Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.
 Add onion, and season with salt & pepper. Add the garlic, cook, stirring, until translucent, about 5 minutes.
- Add the fresh mushrooms, herbs and butter. Season with salt & pepper. Sauté for 6-8 minutes until lightly browned. Add the sherry vinegar.
- 3. Strain the porcini mushrooms, keeping the liquid for the risotto. Roughly chop the rehydrated porcini mushrooms, and add to the pan. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

For the Risotto:

- In a medium sauce pot, heat the olive oil, and add onion. Season generously with salt. Add garlic once onion has begun to cook, and cook until both are soft.
- 5. Add the arborio rice, and sauté until you hear the rice beginning to pop. Add the white wine and allow to reduce.
- Add 2 cups of porcini liquid at the beginning, and 1/2 cup at a
 time thereafter, waiting until all liquid is absorbed before adding
 the next. Continue to add the porcini liquid until the rice becomes
 tender but stop before it becomes mushy.
- 7. When the rice is cooked to desired doneness, add butter and parmesan. Stir in mushroom mix, and season to taste. Garnish with pea shoots & white truffle oil.