Christmas Cheese-cake

Total Time: 340 mins Portions: 12 Portions



Ingredients

Crust

200 g Lotus Biscoff Biscuit80 g Unsalted butter melted

Glaze

250 ml Mulled Wine50 g Caster Sugar4 leaves Gelatine Leaf

Filling

900 g Full Fat Cream Cheese 200 g Soured Cream 2 tbsp Taylor & Colledge Vanilla Bean Extract 200 g Caster Sugar 4 Medium Eggs 30 g Cornflour

Decoration

Fresh Rosemary
2 Pomegranate Seeds

Preparation

- 1. At first, to start with our festive christmas cheesecake, bring all ingredients to room temperature.
- 2. Prepare the tin: Line the base of a 24 cm springform cake tin with baking paper and cover the outside with a layer of clingfilm, followed by a triple layer of extra-strong foil to make sure that no water can get inside during baking.
- 3. Preheat oven to 170°C (fan not recommended) / gas mark 3 and prepare a water bath by pouring water in a large, high-sided roasting pan, about two fingers high.
- **4.** Blitz the cookies in a food processor to fine crumbs or put in a sandwich bag and break up with a rolling pin. Add the melted butter and pulse to combine. Press evenly into the pan and chill in the fridge.
- **5.** Add the cream cheese, sour cream, vanilla extract and sugar to a large mixing bowl or your stand mixer and blend until completely mixed. Add the eggs, one by one, whisking after each addition. Then fold in the cornflour.
- **6.** Spread filling over biscuit base. Bake for 75 minutes.
- 7. Turn off the oven, open the oven door and let the cheesecake cool for an hour before removing it from the oven to avoid cracks in the surface.
- 8. Carefully remove the cheesecake from the oven and chill in the refrigerator for a minimum of 4 hours or overnight.
- **9.** Soften the gelatin leaves in cold water for about 5 minutes.
- **10.** To prepare the glaze, add the mulled wine and sugar to a small saucepan and bring to medium heat until the sugar has dissolved. Squeeze the water from softened gelatin leaves then place in hot wine mixture and stir until dissolved.

- 11. Let cool until the wine starts to thicken. Then quickly spread the glaze over the cheesecake. Place back in the fridge until set.
- **12.** Decorate the cheesecake with rosemary and pomegranate seeds. Store in the refrigerator up to 4 days.
- **13.** When you are ready to serve, remove the cheesecake from the tin, run a hot palette knife around the edge of the cheesecake and remove. Place on a serving plate or board.