



APPETIZER

TAPSULOG WITH ATCHARA

I love rice - and anything made with rice for that matter, just like our local suman. While mulling over how to present tapsilog differently, I thought, why not use suman instead of fried rice? Tapsilog is a contraction of tapa (cured meat), sinangag (fried rice), and itlog (fried egg). My version is more aptly called Tapsulog - for tapa, suman, and itlog. But much like the original, it pays tribute to our staple food - rice, and my Pampanga roots (Kapampangans are known for making the best cured meats like tapa, tocino, and longganisa.)

PROCEDURE

Marinate beef in a mixture of the soy sauce, sugar, garlic, pepper and calamansi juice. Put in a covered container and let sit in your Electrolux refrigerator overnight.

Grate the papaya using a fine grater. Sprinkle salt all over and set aside for 3 hours. This will draw out the moisture making the papaya crisp. Rinse under running water three times to remove the salt. Squeeze papaya through a cheesecloth to ensure that all moisture is removed. Pull apart the shreds; spread out on a tray, and air-dry.

In a pot, put sugar, cane vinegar, and ginger. Place over low heat and let liquid reduce for an hour using your Electrolux hob. It should have reduced by a fourth. Add the green papaya shreds and the remaining ingredients. Mix together then transfer to a container; cover, and set aside for 2 days before using. Keep it stored in your Electrolux refrigerator to chill.

Remove the wrapping of the rice cakes. Cut each one into 4 portions. Set aside. In a saute pan, heat some oil with butter then lightly brown the suman. Add minced garlic and saute until the garlic bits stick to the suman and the surface is crusty. Drain beef from marinade then pan-fry in hot oil until done. In a separate pan, cook the eggs sunny-side up.

To plate, arrange about 5 pieces of fried suman on a plate then top with slices of beef and fried egg. Garnish with roasted garlic and serve with atchara on the side.

INGREDIENTS

3 pcs Rice cake (suman)

Oil

Butter

50 g Garlic, chopped

2 pcs Eggs

Roasted garlic for garnish

Cured Meat (Tapa)

150 g Beef sirloin 25 ml Soy sauce 15 g Sugar

20 g Garlic, crushed

1/2 tsp Pepper

20 ml Calamansi juice

Atchara

100 g Green papaya, grated

150 g Sugar

250 ml Cane vinegar 25 g Ginger, julienned

20 g Red bell peppers, julienned

25 g Raisins 50 g Salt

