Roasted White Chocolate Panna Cotta

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Yield: Serves 6

Ingredients

- 8 ounces white chocolate, chopped (227 grams)
- 2 cups whole milk (480 grams)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons powdered gelatin (5 grams)
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt (3 grams)
- 1 cup cold heavy cream
 (240 grams)

Special equipment:

Six 6-ounce bowls or ramekins

Preparation

Preheat the oven to 250°F.

Put the chocolate into an 8×11 -inch glass baking dish and transfer to the oven. Stir every 10 minutes with a rubber spatula until it turns a nutty brown color, about 1 hour. (The chocolate may be lumpy and not completely smooth; that's fine.) Remove the chocolate from the oven and spread it out on a sheet of parchment paper. Cool to room temperature and then transfer to a heatproof bowl.

Pour the milk into a wide saucepan and sprinkle the gelatin evenly over the surface. Let stand for 10 minutes. Heat the milk over medium heat, whisking, until it just begins to boil. Add the salt and whisk until the gelatin is completely dissolved. Pour about a third

the chocolate is completely melted. Add the remaining milk and whisk until completely combined and smooth. Add the cream and whisk until combined; let stand until room temperature.

Divide the mixture among six 6-ounce glass bowls or ramekins set on a small sheet pan. Pop any bubbles that come to the surface with the tip of a knife.

Refrigerate the panna cotta until completely set and cold, at least 2 hours and preferably overnight.

To unmold, fill a small bowl with hot water. Dip the bottom of each bowl in the water for 10 seconds. Wipe the surface of the bowl dry before inverting onto a serving plate.

Cooks Note:

Roasted white chocolate curls make a great garnish for this and other desserts. Simply roast some chopped white chocolate as directed, pour it into a small plastic container, and let it cool until hardened. Pop the brick out of the container and use a vegetable peeler to peel curls of chocolate from the outside edge and use to garnish tarts, puddings, or mousse.

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