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## Fried Tofu with Spicy Ginger-Sesame Sauce

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ACTIVE:

FAST

**TOTAL TIME: 25 MIN** 

VEGETARIAN

SERVINGS: 2 MAIN-COURSE OR 4 FIRST-

**COURSE SERVINGS** 

Tofu is an unlikely partner for red wine, but in this recipe by Young Hwa Chung—wife of Dana Estates owner Hi Sang Lee—a soy-ginger glaze works well with the winery's Cabernet Sauvignon.

More Tofu Dishes

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- 2 1/2 table spoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon Korean red pepper flakes or 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper
- 1 large garlic clove, very finely chopped
- 1/2 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds

One 14-ounce container firm tofu

Vegetable oil, for frying

1 scallion, thinly sliced

Steamed rice, for serving

- **1.** In a small bowl, whisk the soy sauce with the sugar, red pepper, garlic, sesame oil, ginger and sesame seeds.
- **2.** Slice the tofu crosswise into 8 thin slabs. Dry the tofu with paper towels, pressing until no moisture remains.
- **3.** In a large skillet, heat 1/4 inch of oil until shimmering. Add the tofu and cook over moderate heat, turning once, until browned and crisp, about 8 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Spoon the sauce over the fried tofu and sprinkle with the scallion. Serve with steamed rice.

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