FOOD&WINE

INSPIRATION SERVED DAILY



Hummus with Spiced Beef and Pine Nuts

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ACTIVE: 35 MIN

TOTAL TIME: 1 HR 15 MIN PLUS OVERNIGHT

SOAKING

SERVINGS: 2 CUPS

HEALTHYMAKE-AHEAD

The unexpected topping of sautéed ground beef and pine nuts adds texture and deep flavor to this extra-creamy chickpea spread.

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1 cup dried chickpeas, soaked overnight with 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, drained and rinsed

Kosher salt

2 tablespoons tahini

2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Freshly ground pepper

1 garlic clove, crushed

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

1 tablespoon pine nuts

3 ounces lean ground beef

Pinch of ground allspice

Paprika, for dusting

- 1. In a medium saucepan, cover the chickpeas with water and bring to a boil. Add a generous pinch of salt and simmer over moderately low heat until the chickpeas are tender, 45 minutes; add more water as needed to keep them covered; drain, reserving 1/3 cup of the cooking liquid.
- **2.** In a food processor, puree the chickpeas with the reserved cooking liquid, tahini, lemon juice and garlic until very smooth. Season the hummus with salt and pepper, then scrape it into a shallow bowl.
- **3.** In a small skillet, heat the 2 tablespoons of olive oil until shimmering. Add the pine nuts and cook over moderate heat, stirring, until golden, 3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the pine nuts to paper towels.
- **4.** Add the ground beef to the skillet and season with salt, pepper and the allspice. Cook over moderately high heat, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until browned and cooked through, 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the meat to paper towels. Spoon the meat and pine nuts onto the hummus, drizzle with the olive oil and dust with paprika.

MAKE AHEAD The hummus can be prepared through Step 2 and refrigerated for up to 2 days.

SUGGESTED PAIRING

Juicy Spanish Garnacha blend.

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