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Crab-and-Avocado Eggs Benedict

Cold eggs hold their shape better than roomtemperature eggs when poaching. If using farm-fresh eggs that have not been refrigerated, chill them for about 1 hour before poaching, if desired. Prep: 30 mins

Total: 35 mins

Servings: 4



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Ingredients

3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

2 large egg yolks, plus 4 whole eggs

6 tablespoons unsalted butter

Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

1 tablespoon white vinegar

1 avocado, halved, pitted, and peeled

2 English muffins, split

8 ounces jumbo lump crabmeat

1 teaspoon minced fresh tarragon

Directions

Step 1

Whisk together lemon juice, Dijon, egg yolks, and 3 tablespoons water in a heatproof bowl. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-high. When it boils, reduce heat to medium; simmer until foamy. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally and scraping bottom of pan, until foam subsides, butter turns golden brown with a nutty aroma, and milk solids separate into brown specks that sink to bottom, 2 to 7 minutes. Remove from heat. Very slowly drizzle into lemon mixture, whisking constantly, then season with salt and pepper. Return to saucepan; set aside.

Step 2

Bring 1 inch water and vinegar to a simmer in a nonstick skillet over medium-high. Meanwhile, mash avocado in a bowl; season with salt and pepper. Toast muffins and spread avocado onto split sides; top with crab. Gently crack eggs into simmering water. Simmer until whites are set but yolks are still runny, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate with a slotted spoon; let drain 30 seconds, then place atop crab. Warm Hollandaise over low, whisking constantly (do not let boil), until thickened slightly and heated through, 1 minute. Remove from heat, stir in tarragon, and spoon evenly over eggs. Serve immediately.

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