

grilled peaches w/ mascarpone whipped cream, sweet dukkah & chamomile honey

ingredients

serves 2 to 4 for the chamomile honey 200 ml mild honey 2 tbsp dried chamomile flowers

for the dukkah 2 tbsp (ca. 30 gr) almonds 1 tbsp (ca. 8 gr) sesame seeds 1-2 cardamom pods 3/8 tsp ground cinnamon pinch of salt

for the mascarpone whipped cream 25 gr granulated sugar 125 gr mascarpone, cold 125 gr heavy cream, cold

for the peaches 2 large peaches, ripe but still relatively firm olive oil

how to

for the chamomile honey (prepare 1-2 weeks in advance)

- 1. In a clean glass jar, combine honey and chamomile. Use a plastic or wooden spoon to stir them together, making sure the chamomile flowers are fully coated. Seal and store in a cool dark place for 1 to 2 weeks. When the chamomile flowers come floating to the top of the jar, put it upside down. Continue doing so while the honey infuses.
- 2. After 1 to 2 weeks, strain the honey into another clean jar and discard the chamomile flowers.

for the dukkah

- 1. In a dry skillet over high heat, toast the almonds and cardamom pods, 5-10 minutes, until toasted and fragrant. Swirl the pan around often so as to avoid burning. Set aside to cool.
- 2. In the same skillet, toast the sesame seeds until they start to pop and dance around in the pan. Set aside to cool.
- 3. Remove the husks from the toasted cardamom pods and, using a spice grinder or mortar and pestle, grind the seeds. Finely chop the toasted almonds.
- 4. Combine chopped almonds, toasted sesame seeds, ground cardamom, cinnamon and salt.

for the mascarpone whipped cream

- 1. In a medium bowl, combine sugar and mascarpone. Stir to loosen the mascarpone a bit.
- 2. Add heavy cream and, using a handheld electric mixer (or in a free-standing mixer with the whisk attachment) beat until soft peaks form. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

to assemble

- 1. Preheat a grill pan over high heat, or make sure the barbecue is lighted and ready to go.
- 2. Halve the peaches, remove the stone and rub them with the tiniest bit of olive oil.
- 3. Place peaches on the grill, cut side down and allow to bake for a couple of minutes, until the surface is charred and lightly caramelized.
- 4. Serve 1 or 2 peach halves with a scoop of mascarpone whipped cream. Finish with honey and sweet dukkah.