

Chef Josh Manny's PEI Mussels with Tomato & Fennel

Ingredients (Cake Batter):

Extra Virgin Olive Oil	2 OZ.
PEI Mussels	20 each
Shaved fennel	3 oz.
Garlic, smashed	1 clove
Dry white wine	1 cup
Chicken stock	1/2 cup
San Marzano tomatoes, gently crushed	1/2 can
Butter	1 tbsp.
Chives, finely cut	1 tbsp.
Parmesan cheese, grated	2 OZ.
Salt and pepper	To taste

Directions

- 1. Heat a large sauté pan (or medium sized pot) on the stove at medium heat.
- 2. Add your oil and immediately add your fennel.
- 3. Sweat the fennel in the pan (until slightly translucent) for about a minute.
- Add your crushed garlic and continue to cook for another 30 second all the while stirring.
- Add your dry white wine and reduce slightly (for about a minute).
- 6. Add your chicken stock and tomatoes.
- 7. Cook for a minute more, then add your mussels.

- 8. Cover your pot or sauté pan with a lid, gently simmering the mussels in the sauce until they open. This takes about two minutes.
- 9. Once your mussels are opened up, turn down your heat to low.
- 10. Swirl in your butter until fully incorporated and add your chives.
- 11. Taste for salt and season appropriately.
- 12. Take your mussels off the heat and plate in a generously sized bowl.
- 13. Be sure to pour over all of your sauce!
- 14. Sprinkle with your parmesan and for a nice little touch, place small pieces of the fennel fronds on top for an extra pop of anise flavor

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