SOUTHWESTERN'S KITCHEN

Spinach in Puff Pastry

RECIPE LIGHTLY ADAPTED FROM THE BAREFOOT CONTESSA



Ingredients

4 T (1/2 stick) unsalted butter 2 c chopped onions 1 T minced garlic 2 c SWP Spinach, defrosted 1/3 c chopped scallions 1 c grated Gruyere cheese 3/4 c grated Parmesan cheese 4 extra-large eggs, lightly beaten 1 T dry, plain breadcrumbs 2 t salt 3/4 t pepper 1/2 t nutmeg 2 sheets (1 box) frozen puff pastry, defrosted overnight in refrigerator 1 extra-large egg beaten with 1 T water, for egg wash

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.

2. Heat the butter in a sauté pan and cook the onions over medium-low heat for 5 to 7 minutes, until tender. Add the garlic and cook for 1 more minute. Meanwhile, squeeze most of the water out of the spinach and place it in a bowl. Add the onion mixture, scallions, Gruyere, Parmesan, eggs, breadcrumbs, salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Mix well.

3. Unfold one sheet of puff pastry and place it on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Spread the spinach mixture in the middle of the pastry, leaving a 1-inch border. Brush the border with the egg wash. Roll out the second piece of puff pastry on a floured board until it's an inch larger in each direction. Place the second sheet of pastry over the spinach and seal the edges, crimping them with a fork. Brush the top with egg wash but don't let it drip down the sides or the pastry won't rise. Make three small slits in the pastry, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, until the pastry is slightly browned. Transfer to a cutting board and serve hot.