chocolate & cheese



Red Wine Truffles

- 2 cups bittersweet, white and milk chocolates, chopped or purchased as buttons
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tbsp sweet unsalted butter, room temp
- 2 tbsp red wine
- 1. Combine heavy cream, butter and chocolate in a bowl, set over a double boiler.
- 2. Start stirring constantly, once the mixture starts to come together, add the red wine.
- 3. Keep mixing until ganache is shiny and lump free, then stop stirring.
- 4. Transfer to a flat receptacle. Chill until firm before scooping.
- 5. Once firm enough, scoop and form into ball with gloved hands.
- 6. Roll in cocoa powder for the traditional style, or sprinkles for a seasonal look.
- 7. Place in paper cups and/or boxes if desired.
- 8. Keep refrigerated or in cool dry place covered for up to two weeks.

Fresh Mozzarella Procedure

- Mozzarella Curd, 4"cubes
- Kosher Salt

- Water boiling
- Ice water for cooling and hands
- Ricotta
- 1. Pour boiling water on to curd add salt.
- 2. Stir with spoon until curd begins to melt.
- 3. Using gloved hands pull, stretch and fold curd until it is smooth and shiny, dip hands in ice water if temperature is uncomfortable.
- 4. Form into a ball or as desired, do not overwork as not to dry out, *unless for pizza*, wrap tightly in plastic, place in ice water to stop the melting process **briefly**.
- 5. **For Burrata**, flatten to a ¼ inch disc instead of forming a ball, fill center with ricotta, pull edges and seal like a purse, then wrap with plastic and chill.
- 6. Slice serve with balsamic vinegar glaze, extra virgin oil, sun dried tomatoes, Italian bread.
- 7. Best if served room temperature.

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