

Fried Beet and Goat Cheese Mini Tacos

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cooking Time: 60 Minutes

Serves 12

Ingredients:

12 4.5" Heat Pressed Flour Tortillas (28671)

12 oz. Beets, whole

2 2/3 oz. Goat Cheese

1 Tbsp. Tarragon , fresh , chopped

1 Tbsp. Chives, fresh, chopped

1 Tbsp. Shallot , fresh , chopped

2 Tbsp. Walnut Oil

1 1/2 Tbsp. Orange Juice, fresh

1/2 Tbsp. Champagne Vinegar

1 cup Tempura Batter, prepared

2 Tbsp. Beet Puree

3 oz. Arugula

2 Tbsp. Capers , flash fried

2 Tbsp. Walnuts

Directions:

- 1. Pre-heat convection oven to 375°F. Roast beets for 50-70 minutes or until fork tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Once beets are cool enough to handle, peel the skins using a vegetable brush or paper towel.
- 2. Cut the beets into 0.2 oz. wedges (cut into $\frac{1}{4}$ " circles, then quarter). Reserve $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of beets for beet puree.
- 3. Meanwhile, combine goat cheese, tarragon, chive, and shallots. Mix well to combine. Reserve refrigerated.
- 4. To make walnut vinaigrette, whisk together the walnut oil, orange juice, and champagne vinegar. Season to taste with salt. Reserve refrigerated.
- 5. Pre-heat deep fryer to 350°F.
- 6. In a small saucepan, simmer reserved beets with ¼ cup water for 5 min. before pureeing until smooth.
 Combine beet puree with prepared tempura batter.
- 7. For service: dust each wedge in flour, tempura batter, and fry for approximately 2½-3 minutes or until crispy and hot. To build each taco, lay ¼ oz. arugula onto each tortilla and top with 3 pieces of fried beet. Finish each off with ½ tsp. capers, ½ tsp. walnuts, ¼ oz. goat cheese and 1 tsp. vinaigrette.