Mushroom Strudel

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500 gm mixed, fresh, wild and cultivated mushrooms (slice thin about 1/3 and fine chop the rest) 1 medium onion, minced 50 ml butter Freshly grated nutmeg (optional) 20 ml dry sherry Leaves from 1 sprig marjoram or thyme 60 ml freshly grated Parmesan Phyllo pastry Plain yogurt Cucumber Salt and pepper to taste

Make the filling: Make sure the mushrooms are dust- and sand-free, wash if necessary, and trim if need be. Cook the onion in the butter and, when soft, add the mushrooms with the nutmeg. Sauté for 5 to 7 minutes, until liquid has been released and has partially evaporated. Add the sherry and evaporate the alcohol by cooking over low heat for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the herbs, and some salt and pepper, and let cool. The mixture will be moist.

To make strudel: Take 3 sheets of phyllo at a time from their package; cover the remaining sheets with plastic and then a damp towel, ensuring they are completely covered. Brush 1 sheet on both sides with melted butter, then place it on top of another sheet, and cover with a third.

Cut sheet into six strips and then cut the sheet in half to make 12 strips about 8x12 cm.

Brush the edges with beaten egg. Put one spoon of the mushroom mixture on the centre of the phyllo and add a sprinkle of Parmesan. Fold in the sides, then fold over and over into a neat parcel. Brush with beaten egg, turn over very carefully so that the seam is on the bottom, and brush with egg again.

Bake in a 400F preheated oven for 15 minutes. Serve warm.

We serve it on a cucumber cream which is similar to a tzatziki without the garlic:

Yogurt Shredded, peeled cucumber, drained Salt and pepper to taste

Add together and mix well



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