

🗸 February 2013 Cellar Club Party 🗘

FINOCCHIO BRASATO WITH BLOOD ORANGE AND HAZELNUT VINAIGRETTE

Paired with 2008 Sangiovese

Yield: 6 servings

INGREDIENTS:

2 EACH FENNEL BULBS, LARGE

2 ounces butter

1/4 CUP WATER OR VEGETABLE STOCK

SALT AND FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

METHOD:

- 1. Remove the stalks at the top of the bulb. Reserve the fronds as a garnish in the vinaigrette and the stalks for vegetable stock.
- 2. Cut the bulb in half through the root and place the cut side flat on the cutting board. Slice the bulb into 1/4 inch slices.
- 3. Melt the butter in a heavy sauté pan over medium heat. Add the fennel and water then season with salt and pepper. Stir to combine. Cover the pan and allow the fennel to cook until tender.
- 4. Stir the fennel gently and season again, if needed. Plate and drizzle with vinaigrette.

-⇒ BLOOD ORANGE AND HAZELNUT VINAIGRETTE <-Yield: ¾ cup

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 TEASPOON WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD
1/2 TEASPOON FRESH GARLIC, MINCED
1 TABLESPOONS FRESH LEMON JUICE
2 TABLESPOONS FRESH BLOOD OPANICAL

2 TABLESPOONS FRESH BLOOD ORANGE JUICE

1 TEASPOON BLOOD ORANGE ZEST 3 OZ HAZELNUT OIL KOSHER SALT AND FRESHLY GROUND PEPPER 2 TEASPOONS FENNEL FRONDS, CHOPPED

3 TABLESPOONS BLOOD ORANGE AND HAZELNUT

VINAIGRETTE (RECIPE BELOW)

METHOD:

- 1. Whish the mustard, garlic, lemon juice, blood orange juice, and blood orange zest in a bowl until well blended.
- 2. Continue to whisk while drizzling in the hazelnut oil.
- 3. Season with salt and pepper then stir in chopped fennel fronds.
- 4. Refrigerate until needed. Keeps for up to 1 week.

Recipe by Chef Wendy Bennett of Wine Country Cooking Studio www.winecountrycookingstudio.com