

CAPRESE BALSAMIC PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM PIZZA PAIRED WITH 2016 SANGIOVESE, ALPICELLA VINEYARDS

INGREDIENTS

COCONUT GARLIC OIL 2 tbsp coconut oil 2 cloves minced garlic 1 pinch oregano

MUSHROOM CAPRESE

1 pinch salt

3 large portobello mushrooms

1/2 diced tomato

2 thick slices mozzarella cheese

BALSAMIC SAUCE 1/4 cup balsamic vinaigrette 1 tsp brown sugar

Dare to Pair!

Although a Brunello-style Sangiovese, the longer growing season for this vintage brought balance to this young wine giving it a softer and very approachable body. Therefore, to match this body while nodding to the equal parts acidity and tannin, the protein-based foundation of this dish by way of the mushroom will coerce earthiness from the wine, while the tomato and balsamic work with the wine's natural acidity and delicate spices.

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat up coconut oil until melted, add garlic, and oregano.

Preheat oven to broil. Take stems out of mushrooms, wash, and pat dry with a paper towel until completely dry.

Rub or brush on the coconut garlic oil on both sides of each mushroom. Sprinkle each mushroom with salt to desired taste.

Evenly fill/layer the mushrooms with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese. Set in oven to bake for about 5-10 minutes or until cheese is golden brown.

Heat up balsamic and brown sugar in a pan until sauce is just thick. Drizzle on top of the portobello mushroom pizzas.