Apple Tart with U.S. Cheddar Crust

U.S. cheddar in the crust pairs well with the apples in this tart and makes this a match for the ages.

INGREDIENTS

(Makes 1 Tart)

For Crust
- Sugar, granulated: 50g
- Flour, all purpose: 140g
- Salt: 4g
- U.S. Butter, unsalted, melted: 120g
- U.S. Aged Cheddar, shredded: 85g

For Filling
- Apples, Cortland, (5 small), peeled, cored, diced: 320g
- U.S. Butter, unsalted: 30g
- Salt: 2g
- Cinnamon, ground: 2g
- Nutmeg, ground: 4g
- Preserves, peach or apricot: 150g

For Topping
- Apples, Cortland, (5 small), peeled, cored, quartered: 320g
- U.S. Butter, unsalted: 15g
- Preserves, peach or apricot: 45g
- Water: 15ml

NUTRITIONAL CONTENT

Per 100g
- Calories: 249kcal
- Total Fat: 14g
- Saturated Fat: 8g
- Trans Fat: 1g
- Cholesterol: 36mg
- Total Carbohydrates: 30g
- Dietary Fiber: 2g
- Sugars: 17g
- Protein: 3g
- Calcium: 62mg
- Magnesium: 8mg
- Phosphorus: 53mg
- Potassium: 81mg
- Sodium: 242mg
- Iron: 1mg
- Vitamin A: 460IU
- Vitamin C: 2mg

PREPARATION

For Crust
1. Preheat oven to 175˚C (350˚F).
2. In a medium bowl, mix together the sugar, flour, and salt. Add cheddar and butter and blend until you have crumbly dough.
3. Press dough into a 25cm tart pan keeping the thickness the same on the sides and bottom.
4. Cook the crust for 25 minutes until lightly browned. Let cool.

For Filling
1. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, cook diced apples and butter until soft, about 8 minutes. Add salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and preserves and cook for another 5 minutes. Mash apple mixture with a potato masher or fork until it appears like chunky applesauce. Let cool.
PREPARATION

For Topping

1. Slice the apple quarters into four slices each and sauté with the butter over medium heat until apples are semi soft. Let cool.

2. In a food processor, blend the preserves and water until smooth.

3. Assemble the tart by transferring the filling on top of the crust evenly. Lay the cooked apple slices on top starting from the outside working in to form a rose. Bake for 25 minutes.

4. With a pastry brush, spread out the smoothed preserves over the apple slices and broil until lightly caramelized on the tips of the apples. Let cool completely before serving.

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