Toffee Popcorn

Recipe provided from Chef Spencer Burge from Bertram's Restaurant www.bertramsrestaurant.com

Ingredients

Sticky Toffee Sponge

225g chopped dates
85g butter
150g dark brown sugar
2 eggs
175g plain flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp bicarbonate soda
200ml boiling hot water

White/ Dark Chocolate Marquise Layered

600g white/ dark chocolate (depending on which layer)

1 litre cream 50g glucose 4 egg yolks 4 leaves gelatin

Toffee Sauce

1 tin condensed milk

Iced Sea Salt Popcorn Parfait 250ml full fat milk 125g double cream 2 egg yolks 85g caster sugar 90g toffee popcorn 1 pinch of sea salt 20g salted popcorn chopped

Chocolate Pull 100g liquid glucose 100g fondant 100g isomalt 70g bitter dark chocolate (71% cocoa solids), finely chopped

White Chocolate Powder 50g white Chocolate abzorbit



Method

Sponge –

- 1. cream butter and sugar then add eggs, 1 at a time.
- 2. Meanwhile bring to the boil dates. Once boiled allow to cool.
- 3. Mix all dry ingredients together.
- 4. When date mixture is cool add to egg and sugar mix. Then add dry ingredients.
- 5. Cook at 170c for around 1 hour 20 mins
- 6. Cut to right thickness when cool approx. 1 cm.

Marquise –

- 1. Melt chocolate and glucose over Bain Marie.
- 2. Dissolve gelatin in a bit of hot water in the microwave.
- 3. Add gelatin and yolks to chocolate, cool slightly.
- 4. Fold in semi whipped cream.
- 5. Repeat for white chocolate.

Toffee Sauce -

- 1. Boil tin in submerged water for 2 hours and allow to cool.
- 2. Iced Popcorn Parfait bring milk & cream nearly to the boil. In a separate pan whisk egg yolks and sugar until light and fluffy.
- 3. Take hot milk off heat and pour over egg mix pouring slowly and whisking quickly.
- 4. Place mixture back in pan and cook stirring constantly until the mix coats the back of a spoon being careful not to scramble.
- 5. Pour into a bowl and stir in toffee popcorn.
- 6. Set aside and allow to infuse for 10-15 mins.
- 7. Blitz mixture and pass through a fine strainer.
- 8. Add pinch of salt.
- 9. Allow to cool and churn.

Roll into cylinder shapes in cling film and freeze.

Roll in chopped popcorn and dust with icing sugar

Chocolate Pull –

- 1. Boil glucose, fondant & isomalt in a heavy based pan to 160oc.
- 2. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate until melted.
- 3. Pour onto an oiled tray and allow to cool a little.
- 4. Using your fingers carefully pull off little pieces of the chocolate mixture and shape(be careful as mix will still be warm).

White Chocolate Powder –

1. Melt white chocolate gently in a double boiler.

- 2. Once melted allow to cool slightly and stir abzorbit into chocolate until desired effect is achieved.
- 3. Store away from moisture until time to use.