Poulet Aux Morilles et Sauce au Xérès

Yield: 1 serve | Rating: 5/5 | Prep: 10 min | Cook: 20 min | Other: 2 hr | Source: thestranger.online

This dish is from the Besançon region, home to the Bourgogne-Franche-Comté, it is a simple and a very tasty dish, with a rich, but not overly heavy sauce.

Ingredients

For The Morels:

- 30 g morels (soak for at least 2 hours)
- 4 chicken (breasts, skinned)
- 15 g butter (unsalted)
- 250 g mushrooms (button, quartered)
- 120 ml sherry (dry)
- 400 ml cream (double)
- 1 Sea Salt
- 1 Black Pepper

For The Leeks:

- 2 leeks (2cm pieces)
- 200 ml water (boiling)
- 1 Sea Salt
- 15 g butter (unsalted)



Instructions

- **1.** Drain the morels, reserving the soaking liquor, extracting as much as possible. Rinse, drain, squeeze and dry.
- **2.** Cut larger morels into small pieces, set aside. Using muslin cloth sieve any sand or grit from the liquor and save 100ml.
- **3.** Season the breasts with salt and pepper. In a heavy skillet melt the butter over a medium heat until it starts to foam. Add the breasts and colour lightly for 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Remove from the pan and set aside. In the same pan add the morels and button mushrooms for 1 to 2 minutes
- **4.** Boil the sherry for 30 seconds and add to the mushrooms along with the morel liquor and a pinch of salt. Pour in the cream and bring to a boil
- **5.** Return the breasts to the pan ensuring the cream covers them. Lower the heat to a gentle simmer for 10 minutes, the size of the breasts may up or drop this time fractionally, you want them just cooked.
- **6.** Place the leeks in a pan and pour on the boiling water, add the butter and season with salt. Cover and boil for 5 to 10 minutes until tender. Use tongs to remove the breasts and place in a warm dish, keep this warm. Boil the sauce rapidly to reduce it thickens enough to cost the back of a spoon. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Return the breasts to the pan for 2 minutes.
- **7.** Serve with a slotted spoon, remove the leeks and serve on a platter or warmed plates. Sit the chicken atop and pour over the morel sauce and around the dish.