

PAELLA WITH SEAFOOD

MISE EN PLACE

- Place your stock is in a pan, ready to heat.
- Make sure you have a paella pan, or other wide shallow pan, for making your paella.

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NOTE: The ratio of rice to stock is 1:2 so to make less paella adjust the quantity to 2 cups rice and use 4 cups of stock. You can reduce the amount of seafood etc and use a smaller pan also.

3 cups paella rice, calasparra or bomba

6 cups fish or shellfish stock, or use clam juice

1/2 lb shrimp*, in the shell

1 lb squid*, cleaned scored on the inside, then cut into 1 x 2 inch pieces

2 lbs mussels or clams*, or a combination, washed and checked

1/2 lb white fish*, cod or halibut, cut into pieces

1 glass white wine

1 onion, finely chopped

2 red peppers, finely chopped

1 red pepper roasted, peeled and sliced (at 400 F until blackened, sweat in a ziplock 20 mins, then peel)

2 tomatoes, finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, finely chopped

large pinch saffron

2 tsp smoked paprika

1 cup peas, fresh or frozen and defrosted

2 large handfuls Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped (half to stir in and half to finish)

lemon juice, to taste

extra virgin olive oil

salt to taste

to serve lemon wedges and saffron aioli

*Use any combination of seafood, according to your preference.

- In a pan, heat the stock, crumbling in the saffron and seasoning to taste with salt and lemon juice.
- Steam the clams (if applicable) in a pan with a little white wine, just until opened. Set aside, straining off the cooking juices and adding to your stock.
- In an 18 inch paella pan, or another wide skillet, heat a generous amount of olive oil, then sauté the squid, seasoning with salt, just until it changes colour. Remove and set aside.
- Now sear the shrimp on a high heat, seasoning with salt, then remove, and also set aside.
- Season the white fish with salt, then sear in oil in a non-stick pan just until nicely golden. Remove from the pan and set aside.
- Add any juices from the squid, shrimp and fish to your stock.
- In the same paella pan, add the onion and red peppers, and sauté until golden.
- Add the garlic and cook, just until fragrant.
- Add the tomatoes and one handful of the parsley, cooking briefly then add the smoked paprika.
- Now stir in the rice, coating it nicely in the cooking juices.
- Add the cooked squid and the peas to the rice, stirring.
- Add the stock, and bring to a boil, rotating the pan. Cook for about 10-12 minutes, until the stock is almost absorbed. Add more stock if needed.
- Add the mussels, if using, tucking them flat side down into the rice.
- After another 5 minutes add the shrimp and white fish, tucking them into the rice.
- Cook for another 3 minutes then tuck in the clams (if using).
- Remove from the heat, and finish with the roasted red pepper slices.
- Cover with foil and rest before serving, garnished with lemon wedges, with saffron aioli served separately.

VARIATION

ARROZ NEGRO

1-2 tbsp cuttlefish ink

Add the cuttlefish ink to your stock for a black rice.

SAFFRON AIOLI (optional)

2 egg yolks

200 to 275 ml oil, we use cold pressed canola oil or use a mild olive oil (you can cut it with a neutral oil if you like)

1 clove garlic, crushed or grated (optional)

1 tbsp Dijon mustard (optional)

Pinch of saffron, crumbled

salt and lemon juice to taste

- * You can also use 1 part olive oil, to 3 parts neutral oil (grapeseed, or canola)
- In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolks with the salt, for a minute or so until the yolk are thick and sticky.
- Gradually whisk in the oil, drop by drop, until emulsified. Once emulsified, you can add the oil more rapidly.
- Continue adding oil until you achieve the desired consistency.
- Whisk in the optional garlic and mustard, and lemon juice and salt to taste.
- You can whisk in a little water if you'd like a lighter texture.

EQUIPMENT

Pan for stock
Paella pan or other wide shallow skillet
Measuring cups and spoon
Cutting boards and knives
Foil
Bowl and whisk for aioli

BONUS RECIPES (in case you want to make your own stock before the class)

SHRIMP STOCK

Aprrox 8 cups shrimp shells, roasted at 400 F for about 15 minutes 1 stalks lemongrass, crushed 1 carrots, peeled, washed, cut 1 onion, cleaned, cut

1/2 bulb fennel, sliced
1 celer stalk, washed, cut
1 leek, coarsely sliced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
300 ml white wine
Handful fresh basil, stalks as well, washed hanful fresh thyme sprigs
handful coriander seeds
handful cherry tomatoes, washed, cut grapeseed or canola oil

- Heat up a large pot and add grapeseed oil.
- Once hot add all the vegetables and aromatics, except the tomatoes and fresh herbs, and sauté until golden brown.
- Add the roasted seafood shells and toss for about 5 minutes.
- Add the fresh tomatoes.
- Toss again for about 1 minute.
- Add the wine and reduce.
- Add the fresh herbs.
- Bring to the boil then reduce the heat.
- Cook at a gentle simmer for about 40 minutes.
- Strain through a sieve.

FISH STOCK

1 kg white fish bones (halibut, sole, plaice ...), rinsed well to remove any blood, flat fish bones are best

1 stalk celeru, cut into 1" pieces

1 leeks, cut into 1" pieces

1/2 fenel bulb, cut into wedges

handful fresh basil, including stems (or use dill, tarragon or chives, or a combination of tender herbs)

300 ml white wine

water to cover

- Place the rinsed bones, vegetables and herbs in a pot.
- Add the white wine, and water to cover.
- Bring up to a simmer, skimming.
- Simmer very gently for 20 minutes, then turn off the heat and strain gently through a fine sieve.
- Fresh stock will keep in your fridge for about 4 days, or freeze.

CHICKEN STOCK

4 chicken carcasses
2 carrot, peeled and roughly chopped
2 sticks celery, roughly chopped
1 leek, roughly chopped
1 large onion, quartered
handful of parsley stalks
sprig of thyme
8-10 black peppercorns
1 bay leaf

- Place the chicken bones in a large stock pot and cover with water by 2".
- Bring water to a boil, then pour off the water to remove all of the impurities.
- Add the remaining ingredients and fresh water to cover by several inches.
- Bring up to a very gently simmer your stock should be barely bubbling.
- Simmer for 4-6 hours or overnight, then strain and refrigerate.
- The next day lift the congealed fat off the surface of the stock.