

Mushroom mezze rigatoni with Cajun chicken

Yield: 10 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ Box Barilla® mezze rigatoni
- 1 Lb. Boneless skinless chicken thigh, small dice
- 5 Tbsp. Extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 3 Garlic cloves, minced
- 3 Cups shitake mushrooms, sliced
- 3 Cups cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 ½ Cups portabella mushrooms, diced
- 1 ½ Tsp. Fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 ½ Tsp. Fresh oregano, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. Cajun seasoning
- 3 Tbsp. Unsalted butter
- 2 Cups heavy cream
- 1 ½ Cups chicken stock
- 1 Cup parmigiano cheese, granted
- 34 Cup balsamic glaze
- ¼ Cup micro basil
- Salt & black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. In a large bowl add chicken, 1 tbsp. Of olive oil, garlic, cajun seasoning, salt and pepper. Allow chicken to marinate, refrigerated 30 minutes to overnight.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat add 1 tbsp. Of oil. Cook chicken approximately 4 minutes or until chicken starts to brown.
- 3. Add the rest of olive oil and butter. When the butter is melted add the mushrooms, cooking them for 1-2 minutes before adding the thyme and oregano. Cook for an additional 2-3 minutes until mushrooms begin to brown.
- 4. Add heavy cream and chicken stock. Mix together and cook for an additional minute.
- 5. Meanwhile, place a pot of water to boil and cook pasta one minute less than the package directions. Drain and mix with mushroom sauce.
- 6. Remove from heat, add cheese and salt and pepper to taste.
- 7. Top rigatoni with a drizzle of balsamic glaze and pinch of micro basil.

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