

Pan Fried Scallops with a Vanilla Dressing?

Fresh fried scallops covered in a vanilla and herb dressing makes a fantastic starter

Serves: 2 Prepare: 10 Minutes Cook: 15 Minutes Difficulty: easy

Ingredients

- hand-dived wild king scallops cleaned and prepared
- 70g ghee
- 1 vanilla pod
- 50ml vermouth
- 150ml shellfish or fish stock
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 1 shallot, peeled and halved
- 1tbsp fresh dill
- fresh chives
- salt & pepper to taste
- oil (for frying)

Method

- 1. Add the vermouth, vanilla, white wine vinegar and shallot to a small sauce pan, and heat until it boils, reducing it by about half
- 2. ?Add the fish stock, boil again and reduce by about 2/3, remove the onion
- 3. Lower the heat and add the ghee, stir until it melts
- 4. Finely chop the herbs, add them to the pan, test for seasoning, you'll want to add at least a little salt. Keep warm over a very low heat while you fry the scallops
- 5. In a non-stick pan, heat a little olive oil, get the heat medium high, pat dry the scallops & season with salt, then add to the pan for 2-3 minutes, don't move them too much, let them gently brown
- 6. When they have browned on one side, flip and cook for a further 2-3 minutes
- 7. Serve on a warm plate and drizzle with the dressing