

Roasted Lavender and Hazelnut Encrusted Salmon

Makes 4 Servings

Salmon is abundant in the Pacific Northwest. Add local lavender and hazelnuts to give it a rustic texture and earthy flavor.

<u>INGREDIENTS</u>

1/4 pound hazelnuts
1 teaspoon roasted lavender
1 teaspoon fresh basil
1 garlic clove, minced
1 pound salmon fillet, 1-inch thick
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
Lemon wedges for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place hazelnuts in a single layer on a rimmed jelly roll pan and bake in oven for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from oven to cool.

In a food processor, chop hazelnuts coarsely, then combine them in a small bowl with the lavender, basil and garlic.

Coat salmon with honey, then brush on Dijon mustard.

Put salmon fillet on a baking sheet or cedar plank and coat with hazelnut mixture.

Bake for 25 minutes.

Remove salmon from the oven and tent with aluminum foil; let rest for 15 to 20 minutes, then serve with lemon wedges.

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