## **Mulled Wine Brownies**

## Chocolaty and rich brownies with a lovely hint of mulled wine

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## **INGREDIENTS**

(makes 8 pieces)

- 250g flour
- 50g cacao powder
- 1/2tsp baking powder
- · pinch of salt
- 150g sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 125g butter
- 75g dark chocolate
- 160ml mulled wine + 60 ml for brushing after baking
- 5tbsp mascarpone
- 100g whipping cream (30% fat)
- 1-2tbsp sugar
- sprinkles for decoration
- gingerbread or fondant stars for decoration
- straws or cake pop sticks

## **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Melt butter and dark chocolate separately and allow to cool a little.
- 2. Sift flour, cacao, baking powder and the salt into a big bowl.
- 3. Add sugar, eggs, the melted and cooled butter and chocolate.
- 4. Mix well until combined.
- 5. Then add half of the mulled wine and mix shortly. Add the rest of the mulled wine and mix until combined.
- 6. Cover a 20cm round cake tin with parchment paper, butter it well and transfer the batter into it, spreading out evenly.
- 7. Bake in 175°C in the middle shelf of the oven for 35-40 minutes.
- 8. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for about 5 minutes.



- 9. Prick holes in the brownie with a wooden skewer (see video) and brush the top with the rest of the mulled wine. Allow to cool completely.
- 10. To make the frosting, soften the mascarpone in a medium bowl with a spatula. Add whipped cream that you have whipped until stiff peaks, and mix until combined. Add sugar and some green food colour and mix just until combined. Transfer the cream into a piping bag with a star nozzle.
  - TIP. Avoid mixing too hard or for too long, as the cream may curdle in this case.
- 11. Cut the brownie into 8 equal pieces. Pipe the frosting over the top of the brownie to make it look like a Christmas tree (see video).
- 12. Decorate with some sprinkles and add the star on top. Then add the straw to finish the look.