

# Cook the Book: Salted Caramel-Bittersweet Chocolate Truffles

**Gluten Free** 

READY IN

SERVINGS

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ANTIPASTI STARTER SNACK APPETIZER

## Ingredients

| 18 ounces bittersweet chocolate 62% 72% divided finely chopped ( to cacao content) |
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| 2.5 teaspoons fleur del sel divided fine-grained                                   |
| 5 ounces granulated sugar  |
| 0.8 cup cup heavy whipping cream   |
| 6 tablespoons butter unsalted  |
| 2 tablespoons cocoa powder unsweetened (natural or Dutch process)                  |
| 1 teaspoon vanilla pure  |

|            | Equipment   |  |  |
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|            | bowl  |  |  |
|            | frying pan  |  |  |
|            | baking sheet  |  |  |
|            | sauce pan   |  |  |
|            | baking paper  |  |  |
|            | plastic wrap  |  |  |
|            | double boiler   |  |  |
|            | aluminum foil   |  |  |
|            | microwave   |  |  |
|            | spatula   |  |  |
|            | ice cream scoop   |  |  |
| Directions |   |  |  |
|            | Place 8 ounces of the chopped chocolate in a 2-quart bowl and set aside.  |  |  |
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| Melt 7 ounces of chocolate in the top of a double boiler over low heat, stirring frequently. Or   |
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| melt the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl on low power for 30-second bursts. Stir after each burst to to make sure that the chocolate is melting evenly.  |
| Remove the top pan of the double boiler, if using, and wipe it dry.   |
| Add the remaining 3 ounces of chocolate in 3 stages, stirring until it's completely melted. This tempers the chocolate so it won't have any streaks.  |
| Keep the chocolate warm over a pan of water that is 2 degrees warmer than the chocolate.<br>Line a baking sheet with waxed or parchment paper.  |
| Place a truffle into the melted chocolate and coat completely. Use a truffle dipper or a plastic fork with the two middle tines broken out to lift the truffle from the chocolate.  |
| Let the excess chocolate drip off, then place the truffle on the clean lined baking sheet.  |
| After dipping 5 truffles at a time, sprinkle a few grains of the remaining salt on top of each.   |
| Let the truffles set at room temperature or place them in the refrigerator for 15 minutes.  |
| Serve the truffles at room temperature.   |
| Note on storing the truffles: Store the truffles between layers of waxed paper in an airtight container in the refrigerator up to 1 month. To freeze up to 2 months, wrap the container tightly in several layers of plastic wrap and aluminum foil. Use a large piece of masking tape and an indelible marker to label the contents. If frozen, defrost the truffles overnight in the refrigerator and bring to room temperature before serving. |
| Nutrition Facts   |
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#### **Properties**

Glycemic Index:1.17, Glycemic Load:1.65, Inflammation Score:-1, Nutrition Score:1.5391304418445%

#### **Flavonoids**

Catechin: O.11mg, Catechin: O.11mg, Catechin: O.11mg, Catechin: O.11mg Epicatechin: O.33mg, Epicatechin: O.33mg, Epicatechin: O.33mg, Epicatechin: O.03mg, Quercetin: O.02mg, Quercetin: O.02mg, Quercetin: O.02mg, Quercetin: O.02mg

PROTEIN 3.24% FAT 61.79% CARBS 34.97%

### Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 79.06kcal (3.95%), Fat: 5.5g (8.46%), Saturated Fat: 3.29g (20.57%), Carbohydrates: 7g (2.33%), Net Carbohydrates: 6.26g (2.28%), Sugar: 5.58g (6.2%), Cholesterol: 6.88mg (2.29%), Sodium: 98.77mg (4.29%),

Alcohol: 0.02g (100%), Alcohol %: 0.18% (100%), Caffeine: 7.7mg (2.57%), Protein: 0.65g (1.3%), Manganese: 0.12mg (5.98%), Copper: 0.11mg (5.66%), Magnesium: 16.05mg (4.01%), Iron: 0.57mg (3.14%), Fiber: 0.74g (2.97%), Phosphorus: 25.4mg (2.54%), Vitamin A: 82.97IU (1.66%), Zinc: 0.25mg (1.64%), Potassium: 54.08mg (1.55%), Selenium: 0.86μg (1.22%)