

Middle Eastern Bison Meatballs with Cilantro-Yogurt Sauce



Ingredients

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0.5 cup bread fresh french crustless
1 teaspoon kosher salt
0.5 teaspoon coriander seeds
1 teaspoon cumin seeds
1 large eggs beaten to blend
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
0.3 cup cilantro leaves fresh chopped

0.5 teaspoon pepper black freshly ground

	2 tablespoons mint leaves fresh chopped	
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	1 teaspoon sage fresh chopped	
	6 garlic clove minced	
	3 spring onion chopped	
	0.3 teaspoon ground allspice	
	1.3 pounds frangelico (often labeled buffalo)	
	2 tablespoons jalapeno minced seeded (1 large)	
	1 tablespoon juice of lemon fresh	
	1 tablespoon olive oil	
	3 tablespoons olive oil divided	
	1 cup onion finely chopped	
	0.5 cup greek yogurt greek-style	
	2 tablespoons greek yogurt greek-style	
	1 teaspoon sugar	
	1 tablespoon milk whole	
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	bowl	
	frying pan	
	baking sheet	
	oven	
	sieve	
	blender	
	cheesecloth	
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Directions		
	Toast all seeds in small skillet over medium heat until aromatic and slightly darker in color stirring often, about 2 minutes. Cool. Finely grind seeds in spice mill or coffee grinder.	

Place cilantro and all remaining ingredients in blender.
Add 1 teaspoon ground seeds and process until smooth sauce forms, scraping down sides frequently. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover sauce and chill. Reserve remaining ground seeds for meatballs. DO AHEAD: Can be made 1 day ahead. Keep refrigerated. Store remaining ground seeds in airtight container at room temperature.
Heat 1 tablespoon oil in heavy small skillet over medium heat.
Add onion and garlic and saut until soft, stirring frequently, about 7 minutes (do not brown). Cool. Toss breadcrumbs with milk in small bowl to moisten.
Place cooled onion mixture, breadcrumb mixture, reserved ground seeds from cilantro-yogurt sauce, jalapeo, and yogurt in processor. Using on/off turns, process until coarse puree forms.
Transfer mixture to medium bowl.
Add bison, egg, cilantro, sage, 1 teaspoon coarse salt, pepper, and allspice. Using hands or fork mix until just blended. Using damp hands, form bison mixture into 11/4-inch balls. DO AHEAD: Can be made 6 hours ahead. Cover and chill.
Preheat oven to 300F.
Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in heavy large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Working in 2 batches, cook meatballs until browned on all sides, about 8 minutes per batch.
Transfer meatballs to rimmed baking sheet.
Place in oven to keep warm up to 15 minutes.
Serve meatballs with cilantro-yogurt sauce for dipping.
*A thick yogurt; sold at some supermarkets, specialty foods stores (such as Trader Joe's and Whole Foods), and Greek markets. If unavailable, place plain whole-milk yogurt in cheesecloth-lined strainer set over large bowl. Cover and chill 4 hours to drain.
See Nutrition Data's complete analysis of this recipe
Nutrition Facts
PROTEIN 13.23% FAT 52.98% CARBS 33.79%
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Properties

Glycemic Index:67.29, Glycemic Load:6.57, Inflammation Score:-6, Nutrition Score:11.918260812759%

Flavonoids

Eriodictyol: 0.64mg, Eriodictyol: 0.64mg, Eriodictyol: 0.64mg, Eriodictyol: 0.64mg Hesperetin: 0.53mg, Hesperetin: 0.53mg, Hesperetin: 0.53mg, Hesperetin: 0.53mg Naringenin: 0.03mg, Naringenin: 0.04mg, Nari

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 191.04kcal (9.55%), Fat: 11.48g (17.66%), Saturated Fat: 1.8g (11.28%), Carbohydrates: 16.47g (5.49%), Net Carbohydrates: 14.28g (5.19%), Sugar: 4.27g (4.75%), Cholesterol: 32.38mg (10.79%), Sodium: 508.01mg (22.09%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: 0% (100%), Protein: 6.45g (12.9%), Copper: 1.1mg (55.17%), Vitamin K: 34.88µg (33.22%), Manganese: 0.47mg (23.61%), Selenium: 11.17µg (15.95%), Vitamin C: 12.93mg (15.67%), Vitamin E: 1.83mg (12.17%), Vitamin A: 556.74IU (11.13%), Vitamin B2: 0.19mg (10.99%), Phosphorus: 97.87mg (9.79%), Folate: 37.92µg (9.48%), Iron: 1.67mg (9.3%), Calcium: 92.33mg (9.23%), Fiber: 2.19g (8.78%), Vitamin B1: 0.12mg (8.29%), Vitamin B6: 0.16mg (7.96%), Vitamin B3: 1.43mg (7.15%), Magnesium: 23.86mg (5.96%), Potassium: 208.31mg (5.95%), Vitamin B5: 0.48mg (4.79%), Zinc: 0.64mg (4.25%), Vitamin B12: 0.24µg (3.99%), Vitamin D: 0.19µg (1.29%)