

Oven-Roasted Whole Fish



Ingredients

0.3 cup bay leaves whole
12 fennel stalks dried (see Note)
4 servings lemon wedges for serving
4 servings olive oil extra-virgin
4 servings salt and pepper freshly ground
1 head-on 3-pound sea bass red cleaned

Equipment

frying pan

	baking sheet	
	oven	
	skewers	
Directions		
	Preheat the oven to 50	
	On a large rimmed baking sheet, spread the bay leaves and 6 of the fennel stalks in an even layer.	
	Bake until well browned, about 3 minutes for the bay leaves and 6 minutes for the fennel stalks.	
	Make 3 crosswise slashes down to the bone on each side of the fish. Season the fish inside and out with salt and pepper and coat it generously all over with olive oil. Put 2 bay leaves in each slash and put the rest of the bay leaves in the cavity, along with the baked fennel stalks. Using a bamboo skewer, close the fish.	
	Set an oiled cast-iron griddle or very sturdy baking sheet over 2 burners over moderate heat.	
	Put the remaining 6 fennel stalks on the griddle and cook until browned, about 5 minutes. Set the fish on the fennel stalks, transfer the griddle to the oven and roast for about 18 minutes, or until the fish is just cooked through; the flesh should flake easily when lightly pressed.	
	Transfer the fish to a platter along with any juices from the griddle and season with salt and pepper. Using 2 forks, lift the fish off the bones and arrange on plates. Pass the olive oil and lemon wedges at the table.	
	Wine Recommendation: Dishes with a smoky character pair well with full-bodied whites, like the fragrant 1998 Alderbrook Viognier. The 1997 Matanzas Creek Chardonnay also harmonizes with smoky flavors.	
	Notes: Dried fennel stalks, which add a subtle anise flavor to the fish, are available at specialty food stores.	
Nutrition Facts		
PROTEIN 30.11% FAT 30.15% CARBS 39.74%		

Properties

Flavonoids

Eriodictyol: 7.8mg, Eriodictyol: 7.8mg, Eriodictyol: 7.8mg, Eriodictyol: 7.8mg Hesperetin: 0.28mg, Hesperetin: 0.28mg, Hesperetin: 0.28mg, Hesperetin: 0.28mg, Naringenin: 0.01mg, Naringenin: 0.01mg, Naringenin: 0.01mg, Naringenin: 0.01mg, Naringenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.01mg, Apigenin: 0.04mg, Luteolin: 0.04mg, Luteolin: 0.04mg, Luteolin: 0.04mg, Quercetin: 1.63mg, Quercetin: 1.63mg, Quercetin: 1.63mg

Nutrients (% of daily need)

Calories: 621.63kcal (31.08%), Fat: 22.3g (34.3%), Saturated Fat: 4.15g (25.97%), Carbohydrates: 66.12g (22.04%), Net Carbohydrates: 39.14g (14.23%), Sugar: 27.61g (30.68%), Cholesterol: 180mg (60%), Sodium: 718.91mg (31.26%), Alcohol: Og (100%), Alcohol %: O% (100%), Protein: 50.11g (100.22%), Vitamin K: 449.28µg (427.89%), Manganese: 2.99mg (149.28%), Vitamin B12: 8.6µg (143.25%), Selenium: 87.6µg (125.14%), Vitamin C: 93.94mg (113.86%), Fiber: 26.98g (107.9%), Potassium: 3588.14mg (102.52%), Iron: 15.58mg (86.55%), Phosphorus: 818.94mg (81.89%), Vitamin B6: 1.35mg (67.44%), Folate: 245.39µg (61.35%), Magnesium: 233.08mg (58.27%), Calcium: 542.68mg (54.27%), Vitamin B3: 9.61mg (48.07%), Vitamin A: 2362.81IU (47.26%), Vitamin E: 6.09mg (40.59%), Vitamin B5: 3.32mg (33.18%), Copper: 0.62mg (30.78%), Vitamin B2: 0.38mg (22.08%), Zinc: 3.03mg (20.23%), Vitamin B1: 0.3mg (19.82%)