ROASTED CELERY ROOT AND **APPLE SOUP**

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups celery root, peeled and chopped (from 1 small-medium celery root)
- 2 ¹/2 cups apple, peeled and chopped (from 2 medium apples)
- 4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

- 4 tbsp. butter
- 2 cups onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, grated or minced
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup potato, peeled and chopped

- 6 cups vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. honey
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - Apple matchsticks for garnish
 - Parsley, chopped for garnish

DIRECTIONS

- Toast the celery roots with olive oil and place on a baking tray in the oven at 370 degrees Fahrenheit. Cook the roots until there is a nice brown color, about 10 to 15 minutes.
- Heat the olive oil and butter in a large soup pot over medium heat. When the butter is warm and bubbly, add the onions. Cook, stirring frequently, for about 5 minutes or until translucent. Add the garlic and salt and stir until the garlic is fragrant.
- Add the celery root, potato and apple to the pot and stir well to incorporate the onions and garlic. Add the vegetable stock. Bring the soup to a boil and then reduce to summer for about 25 minutes until the celery root is very tender and is easily pierced with a fork.

- Remove the pot from the heat and blend into a smooth and creamy puree using an emersion blender, food processor, or blender.
- Return the soup to the pot if you had removed it and stir in the lemon juice and honey. Season the soup with additional salt and pepper if needed.
- Serve warm with apple matchsticks and freshly chopped parsley on top and enjoy!



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