

Pipette with Charred Cauliflower and Peruvian Aji pesto

Yield: 10 servings

Ingredients:

1 ¼ Box, Barilla Pipette
5Tbsp, Vegetable oil
3Garlic cloves, chopped
3Tbsp, ginger Chopped
¼ Cup, Toasted cashews
1 ¼ Cup, cilantro (Stems and leaves) 4Tbsp, Aji Amarillo paste
4Cups, small cauliflower Florets
Salt and pepper to taste
¼ Cup, Cilantro leaves
¼ Cup, cashews toasted and chopped

Directions:

- 1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook the pasta according to the directions, reserve 1 cup of the pasta cooking water.
- In a blender combine the garlic, ginger, cashews, cilantro and aji paste and pulse until coarsely ground.
- 3. Add the vegetable oil and pulse until a pesto is formed
- 4. In a large 12 inch skillet heat 1 Tbsp of vegetable oil until almost smoking, add the cauliflower and saute for 2-3 minutes or until lightly browned, season with salt and pepper then remove form the skillet and place onto a plate.
- 5. In a large bowl add the pesto and pasta cooking water, drain and mix the pasta until well incorporated. Fold in the cauliflower then garnish with cilantro leaves and cashews.

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