

# **JERNEJ KITCHEN**

# ARANCINI RICE BALLS WITH CHEESE

We definitely recommend making this Italian treat - it's beyond delicious.

MAKES 10 RISOTTO BALLS

PREPARATION: 30 MINUTES

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500 g Risotto bianco

50 g fine dried breadcrumbs

1 egg

salt, black pepper

100 g mozzarella cheese

vegetable oil - for frying

#### BREADCRUMB COATING

50 g all-purpose flour

50 g fine dried breadcrumbs

1 egg

1/2 tsp sweet paprika

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper

## TOOLS AND EQUIPEMENT

three bowls heavy - bottom pan slotted spoon

#### **COOK THE RISOTTO**

Cook the risotto bianco according to the instructions (click on the ingredient: risotto bianco on the left). Let it cool completely, then add the egg and fine dried breadcrumbs. Stir well and season with salt and pepper.

### **BREADCRUMB COATING**

For the breadcrumb coating place the flour, egg and breadcrumbs in three separate bowls. Add the sweet paprika and cayenne pepper to the breadcrumbs, stir well and set aside.

#### **ARANCINI**

Prepare the arancini: scoop a portion of the risotto mixture into your hand. Add around 10g of mozzarella to the center, add the risotto, seal completely forming a ball. Repeat with the remaining risotto mixture. Dip each arancini ball in flour, then egg and finally breadcrumbs mixture. Make sure the ball is completely coated.

## **DEEP FRY THE ARANCINI**

Place a heavy-bottomed saucepan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil. When the oil reached  $165^{\circ}\text{C}$  -  $170^{\circ}\text{C}$  /  $330^{\circ}\text{F}$  -  $340^{\circ}\text{F}$  carefully add the arancini and deep-fry for about 5 - 6 minutes or until golden brown.

#### **SERVE**

Serve the arancini with tomato sauce, fresh salad or as a starter. Enjoy.