

calorie-conscious, vegetarian





Prep & Cook Time **35-45 min.** 



Cook Within 7 days



Difficulty Easy



Spice Level **Not Spicy** 



French Onion Risotto with Swiss cheese

# IN YOUR KITCHEN

Olive Oil

Salt

Pepper

Cooking Spray

Baking Sheet

Small Pot

Medium Pot

Mixing Bowl

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#### **BEFORE YOU COOK**

- ☐ Take a minute to read through the recipe before you start-we promise it will be time well spent!
- $\square$  Preheat oven to 425 degrees
- ☐ Thoroughly rinse produce and pat dry
- Prepare a baking sheet with foil and cooking spray

#### WHILE YOU COOK

☐ **Heads Up! Thyme** is used twice. Most is added to **risotto**, and a pinch garnishes dish.

### FROM THE CHEF

Constantly stirring the risotto does more than just give your arm a good workout. Stirring releases starches in the rice, a key for creamy risotto, and allows for even cooking.

#### Did you know...

When it was first made, in 14th century Switzerland, Swiss cheese was known as Emmental cheese. In fact, in many areas of the world, the hole-y cheese is still known as Emmental.



# **Prepare the Ingredients**

Halve and peel **onion**. Slice halves into thin strips. Mince **garlic**. Stem **thyme**. Quarter **mushrooms**.



## Caramelize the Onion

Make broth by bringing a small pot with 4 cups water and vegetable base to a boil. Place a medium pot over medium-high heat and add 2 tsp. olive oil. Add onion to hot pot and cook undisturbed, 4-5 minutes. Then stir occasionally until caramelized, 5-6 minutes. Transfer onion to a mixing bowl, and season with a pinch of salt and pepper. Reserve pot; no need to wipe clean. Cover bowl with plastic wrap.



# Start the Risotto

Return pot used to caramelize onion to medium-high heat. Add 2 tsp. **olive oil, garlic, thyme** (reserve a pinch for garnish), and **rice**. Stir constantly until rice is lightly browned, 2-3 minutes. Add **white wine** and cook until absorbed, 30-60 seconds. Add 1 cup **hot broth** to pot with rice. *Rice should just be covered by broth*. Stir constantly until nearly all broth is absorbed.



### Roast the Mushrooms

Place **mushrooms** on prepared baking sheet. Toss with 1 tsp. **olive oil** and a pinch of **salt** and **pepper**. Spread into a single layer and roast until tender and caramelized, 8-10 minutes. While mushrooms roast, finish risotto.



# **Finish the Risotto**

Add another ½ cup **broth** and stir constantly until broth is nearly all absorbed. Repeat this process, stirring constantly, 18-20 minutes. Taste **risotto** as you cook, checking for tenderness. When rice has no more "bite" or crunch, it's done. *There may be broth left*. Remove pot from burner and stir in **Parmesan cheese**. Season to taste with **salt** and **pepper**.



### Finish the Dish

Place **risotto** in a shallow bowl. Top with **caramelized onions** and **mushrooms**. Garnish with remaining **thyme** and **Swiss cheese**.