

# SEARED MAHI-MAHI WITH BUTTERNUT SQUASH PURÉE, ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS & APPLE CIDER REDUCTION



# **Ingredients (Serves 4)**

#### For the Mahi-Mahi:

- 4 mahi-mahi fillets (6 oz each), skin removed
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt & freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter

# For the Butternut Squash Purée:

- 1 medium butternut squash (about 2 lbs), peeled and cubed
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup heavy cream (or oat milk for lighter version)
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Pinch of nutmeg (optional)

# For the Roasted Brussels Sprouts:

- 1 lb Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- 1 tsp balsamic vinegar (optional, for brightness)

# For the Apple Cider Reduction:

- 2 cups apple cider (not vinegar)
- 1 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp honey or maple syrup
- 1 tbsp cold butter

#### **Directions**

## Make the Butternut Squash Purée

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
- 2. Toss butternut squash cubes with olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- 3. Roast on a sheet pan for 25-30 minutes until tender and caramelized.
- 4. Transfer to a blender or food processor, add butter and cream, and blend until silky smooth. Adjust seasoning and add a pinch of nutmeg if desired. Keep warm.

### Roast the Brussels Sprouts

- 5. Toss halved sprouts with olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- 6. Spread on a baking sheet, cut-side down, and roast at 400°F for 20–25 minutes until browned and crispy.
- 7. Optional: drizzle with balsamic vinegar before serving.

# Prepare the Apple Cider Reduction

- 8. In a small saucepan, bring apple cider and apple cider vinegar to a boil.
- 9. Reduce heat and simmer until liquid reduces by about two-thirds (should coat the back of a spoon).
- 10. Whisk in Dijon, honey, and finish with cold butter for a glossy finish. Keep warm.

#### Cook the Mahi-Mahi

- 11. Pat fish dry and season with salt and pepper.
- 12. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high until shimmering.
- 13. Place fillets presentation side down and sear for 3-4 minutes until golden.
- 14. Flip, add butter, and cook another 2-3 minutes until fish is opaque and flakes easily.

#### Assemble the Dish

- 15. Spoon a bed of butternut squash purée onto each plate.
- 16. Place seared mahi-mahi fillet on top.
- 17. Arrange roasted Brussels sprouts around the fish.
- 18. Drizzle with apple cider reduction.

**Chef's Tip:** Garnish with microgreens, toasted pumpkin seeds, or a few thin apple slices for extra texture and presentation.



