FRENCH · SAUCE

Beurre Blanc (French White Wine Butter Sauce)

15 min · Makes 6 × 2 tbsp · 157 kcal a portion · Video 5:38 · Food Wishes

Vegetarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

A wine and shallot reduction whisked with butter, with no flour or sugar: 2 tbsp give about 155 kcal and under 1 g of carbs, so it fits a keto plate. It is rich (11 g saturated fat), so spoon it sparingly over fish or vegetables.

Diet notes: Keto (0.5 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

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- [ ] ½ cup **dry white wine** (such as Sauvignon Blanc), reduced
- [ ] 2 tbsp **white wine vinegar** (or lemon juice), reduced
- [ ] 2 tsp **very finely minced shallot**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **heavy cream**
- [ ] 4 oz (1 stick) **cold unsalted butter**, cut in 1 inch cubes
- [ ] a pinch of **salt**
- [ ] a pinch of **cayenne**
- [ ] chopped **chives**, to finish (optional)

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: Milk. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Cube the cold butter and keep it cold. Put the wine, vinegar (or lemon juice), shallot and cream in a small pan. 1:04
2. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, then lower to medium and watch it until it has reduced by about three-quarters. Don't walk away: the reduction can catch and burn. 1:38
3. Turn the heat to the lowest setting. Whisk or swirl in a couple of butter cubes; when they have almost melted, add 2–3 more. Keep going until all the butter is in and the sauce is thick and glossy. 2:20
4. Take it off the heat and season with a pinch of salt and cayenne. Serve straight away over fish or vegetables, finished with chives. 3:27

> **Tip** Keep it warm, not hot, until serving; if it cools and is reheated it splits. The cream is optional but helps it hold. Chef John calls this 4 portions; we count 6 portions of 2 tbsp.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion (2 tbsp) gives you

1 OF 6 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
157 kcal	0.3 g	0.5 g	0.1 g	17 g	40 mg
660 kJ	1% of a day	0.5 g net · 0.3 g sugars	0% of a day	11 g saturated	2% of a day
		0% of a day		22% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 1% · protein 1% · fat 98% — fits keto: 0.5 g net carbs, 98% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin A 17%

Recipe and video: Food Wishes (@foodwishes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=84zkT4FIaOk, published 7 April 2016. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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