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Chtapodi Krasato (Greek Octopus in Red Wine and Vinegar)

Χταπόδι κρασάτο

90 min · Serves 5 · 406 kcal a serve · Video 8:07 in Greek · mageirikes apolauseis

Pescatarian · Gluten-free ingredients · Dairy-free · Nut-free

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30 g protein and 10 g net carbs a serve from octopus slow-simmered with onions, wine and olive oil, with many times a day's vitamin B12 and more than a day's selenium.

Diet notes: Low carb (9.9 g net carbs) but not keto: 54% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

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- [ ] 2¼ lb **octopus**, cleaned
- [ ] **Vinegar**: 1 oz + ¾ oz red wine vinegar
- [ ] 3 **bay leaves**
- [ ] 1 large **onion**, finely chopped
- [ ] 1 large **onion**, left whole
- [ ] a little **salt** (go easy: octopus is salty)
- [ ] **black pepper**
- [ ] **olive oil**, 1 wine glass (about ½ cup, ½ cup), plus a splash at the start
- [ ] **red wine**, 1 wine glass (about ½ cup, ½ cup)
- [ ] 1 tsp **dried thyme or oregano**

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Clean the octopus: cut out the beak and eyes and rinse the head well inside and out. 0:48
2. Put the octopus in a pot with 1 oz vinegar, 3 bay leaves, the chopped onion, the whole onion, a little salt, pepper and a splash of olive oil. Pour in boiling water just to cover. 1:32
3. Cover and simmer over low heat for about 1 hour. 2:39
4. Lift the octopus onto a plate, cut it into serving pieces and return them to the pot. 2:56
5. Keep simmering until a fork goes easily into the thickest part of a tentacle. 4:30
6. Add the remaining ¾ oz vinegar, the glass of red wine, the glass of olive oil, 1 tsp thyme or oregano and some pepper. Stir and simmer about 5 minutes until the sauce turns glossy. 4:43
7. Rest 5 minutes and serve warm with its sauce, or store the pieces in jars covered with the cooking juices in the fridge. 6:05

> **Tip** Serves 5 as a meze, per the cook's written recipe. It keeps for days in the fridge in a jar covered with its juices. Frozen octopus thawed overnight turns out more tender. Serve with a green salad or boiled greens (horta).

The method is a summary in our words, in English — the video (in Greek) shows every step.

One serve gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
406 kcal	31 g	11 g	1.3 g	24 g	850 mg
1,700 kJ	61% of a day	9.9 g net · 2.7 g sugars	5% of a day	3.5 g saturated	37% of a day
		4% of a day		31% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 10% · protein 33% · fat 57% — low carb (under 26% of the energy from carbs)

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 1500% · Selenium 164% · Iron 56% · Vitamin B6 44% · Omega-3 34% · Zinc 32% · Vitamin E 30%

Source of (10–19%) Magnesium 17% · Potassium 16% · Vitamin C 14% · Vitamin K 14% · Calcium 10% · Vitamin A 10%

Recipe and video: mageirikes apolauseis (@georgezolis) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=UsWAGZ9sUCk, published 5 April 2023. 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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