JAPANESE · SIDE

Nasu Dengaku (Grilled Miso-Glazed Eggplant)

20 min · Makes 4 × ½ eggplant · 84 kcal a portion

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Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

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A vegan side of about 85 kcal a serve: the grilled eggplant needs no oil, and the miso glaze brings deep savoury flavour with only about 2 g added sugar, under 3 g fat and about 4 g fibre per half eggplant.

Diet notes: Low carb (7.8 g net carbs) but not keto: 28% of the energy is from fat, and keto meals get about 60% or more.

Ingredients

8 · MAKES 4 × ½ EGGPLANT

- [ ] 2 **long Japanese eggplants** (about 9 oz each), or Chinese eggplants
- [ ] 2 tbsp **yellow miso paste** (awase miso)
- [ ] 2 tbsp **sake**
- [ ] ½ tbsp **toasted sesame oil**
- [ ] ½ tbsp **brown sugar** (light brown or white)
- [ ] 1 tsp **mirin**
- [ ] **toasted sesame seeds**, to garnish (about 1 tsp)
- [ ] a few shiso (perilla) leaves, thinly sliced, to garnish

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

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

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Heat the grill or oven broiler on medium. Cut the stems off the eggplants, halve them lengthways and score the cut sides in a fine crosshatch. 0:08
2. Grill flesh side towards the heat for about 3–5 minutes until lightly charred, then flip and grill the skin side for 5 minutes. Pierce the thickest part with a chopstick; give it 2–3 more minutes if still firm. 0:40
3. Meanwhile put the miso, sake, mirin, brown sugar and sesame oil in a small pan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring constantly so the miso doesn't burn, then stir on low until slightly thickened. 1:02
4. Turn the soft eggplants cut side up, spread a thick layer of glaze over each and grill about 2 minutes more, until the miso bubbles and darkens. 1:56
5. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and sliced shiso and serve as a side dish or appetiser. 2:19

> **Tip** Globe eggplants work too: cut them into ¾–1¼ inch rounds and score one side. Sudachi grills with no oil, so the only fat is the ½ tbsp sesame oil in the glaze.

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

One portion (½ eggplant) gives you

1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
84 kcal	**2.5** g	**12** g	**4.3** g	**2.9** g	**320** mg
350 kJ	5% of a day	7.8 g net · 7.1 g sugars	15% of a day	0.4 g saturated	14% of a day
		4% of a day		4% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 46% · protein 15% · fat 39%

Recipe and video: Sudachi | Japanese Recipes | Yuto Omura (@SudachiRecipes) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=jyKsgvPep2Q, published 8 November 2024. 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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