FRENCH · DINNER

Steak au Poivre with Cognac Cream Sauce

35 min · Serves 4 · 649 kcal a serve · Video 6:13 · Certified Angus Beef ®

Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Peppered tenderloin in a butter and cream pan sauce: about 36 g protein and 4 g net carbs a serve, nearly three-quarters of the energy from fat, and rich in vitamin B12 and zinc.

Diet notes: Keto (4.7 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients 10 · SERVES 4

- [ ] 4 beef tenderloin (filet mignon) steaks, 6 oz each
- [ ] 2 tsp **coarse kosher salt**, divided
- [ ] 2 tbsp mixed **peppercorns** (peppercorn trio), coarsely cracked
- [ ] 2 tsp **canola oil**
- [ ] 2 tbsp **unsalted butter**
- [ ] 1 small **shallot**, minced (about 2 tbsp)
- [ ] 3 tbsp **brined green peppercorns**
- [ ] 1/4 cup **cognac or brandy**
- [ ] 1 cup **salt-free beef stock**
- [ ] 1 cup **heavy cream**

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. Mince the shallot and set it aside. Crack the peppercorns roughly in a bag with a mallet or the base of a pan, so they are coarse rather than ground. Heat the oven to 325 °F. 0:37
2. Pat the steaks dry. Salt one side and press it firmly into the cracked pepper to make a crust; flip carefully and salt the other side only. 1:21
3. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat and sear the unpeppered side first until well browned. Flip, add the butter and baste the steaks, searing the edges gently so the crust stays on. 2:08
4. Move the steaks to a rack on a sheet pan and finish in the oven for about 15 minutes for medium-rare (130 °F inside). 3:16
5. Meanwhile, sauté the shallot in the same pan with a pinch of the salt for a minute, then add the green peppercorns. Take the pan off the heat, add the cognac, return to the heat and flambé (or simmer) until the alcohol has cooked off. 3:32
6. Add the beef stock and bring to a simmer, then the cream. Boil, then simmer briskly for about 10 minutes, stirring now and then, until reduced by half and the sauce coats a spoon. 4:13
7. Spoon the sauce onto plates and set the steaks on top so the pepper crust stays crisp. 5:36

> **Tip** The cook serves it with fries; keep it keto with a green salad, buttered green beans or cauliflower mash instead. No green peppercorns? A couple of pinches of ground black pepper will do.

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

One serve gives you 1 OF 4 · ESTIMATE

ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
649 kcal	**36 g**	**5.9 g**	**1.3 g**	**52 g**	**1,080 mg**
2,720 kJ	72% of a day	4.7 g net · 2.5 g sugars	5% of a day	26 g saturated	47% of a day
		2% of a day		67% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 3% · protein 23% · fat 74% — fits keto: 4.7 g net carbs, 74% of the energy from fat

High in (20%+ of a day) Vitamin B12 98% · Selenium 70% · Zinc 57% · Vitamin B6 43% · Omega-3 38% · Vitamin A 33%

Source of (10–19%) Iron 17% · Potassium 12% · Vitamin E 12% · Vitamin K 11% · Magnesium 10%

Recipe and video: Certified Angus Beef ® (@CertifiedAngusBeefTestKitchen) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=qX3-5I2G8kI, published 3 March 2021. 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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