

PIERRE HERMÉ S VANILLA CRÈME BRÛLÉE

The Recipe

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Pierre Hermé reveals a great recipe to master a delicious vanilla crème brûlée

Chef: Pierre Hermé

Preparation Time: 20 Minutes

Cooking Time: 50 Minutes

Ready in: 2 H

Skill: Intermediaire Level

Cuisine: French Cuisine

Courses: Crème Brûlée, Plated Dessert, Dessert,

Ingredients

For 8 ramequins (3.93" (or 3 15/16" or 10 cm) in diameter) or 12 ramequins (3.14" (or 3 5/32" or 8 cm) in diameter)

5 Vanilla Beans

2 1/4 Cups Milk (500 grams)

2 1/4 Cups Cream (500 grams)

9 Egg Yolks 3/4 Cup or 180 grams

3/4 Cup Sugar (180 grams)

*Caramel

1/2 Cup Light Brown Sugar (100 grams)

Double : For 16 ramequins (3.93" (or 3 15/16" or 10 cm) in diameter) or 25 ramequins (3.14" (or 3 5/32" or 8 cm) in diameter)

10 Vanilla Beans

4 1/2 Cups Milk (1 kilogram)

4 1/2 Cups Cream (1 kilogram)

18 Egg Yolks 1 1/2 Cup or 360 grams

1 1/2 Cup Sugar (360 grams)

*Caramel

1 Cup Light Brown Sugar (200 grams)

For 6 ramequins (3.93" (or 3 15/16" or 10 cm) in diameter) or 9 ramequins (3.14" (or 3 5/32" or 8 cm) in diameter)

3.7 Vanilla Beans

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1 2/3 Cup Milk (375 grams)
1 2/3 Cup Cream (375 grams)
6.7 Egg Yolks 1/2 Cup or 134 grams
1/2 Cup Sugar (135 grams)

*Caramel

1/3 Cup Light Brown Sugar (75 grams)

Half : For 4 ramequins (3.93" (or 3 15/16" or 10 cm) in diameter) or 6 ramequins (3.14" (or 3 5/32" or 8 cm) in diameter)

2.5 Vanilla Beans

1 Cup Milk (250 grams)

1 Cup Cream (250 grams)

4.5 Egg Yolks 1/3 Cup or 90 grams

1/2 Cup Sugar (90 grams)

*Caramel

4 Tablespoons Light Brown Sugar (50 grams)

Steps

1. Scrape the seeds loose from the Vanilla Beans (5), using the point or edge of a knife
2. In a small, heavy saucepan, pour the Milk (2 1/4 Cups or 500 g), the Cream (2 1/4 Cups or 500 g) and Vanilla Beans (5) seeds
3. I know you may be tempted to use Vanilla Extract but I do NOT recommend it : The taste will not be as close to heaven as if you used Vanilla Beans. You will stay on earth... far from heaven
4. Now, if you can't use Vanilla Beans for any reason, the only alternative that I would recommend is Vanilla Paste, which contains the seeds
5. To purchase online, see [HERE](#)
6. Heat the saucepan on medium heat
7. Keep on stirring with a rubber spatula to prevent the cream to cook
8. Bring to a boil
9. Hermé says to remove from heat and to wait 30 minutes to let the vanilla infuse
10. I like to cover with plastic wrap
11. Whisk together the Egg Yolks (9) and the Sugar (3/4 Cup or 180 g) until smooth
12. After 30 minutes, it's time to remove the Vanilla Pods
13. Pour the liquid onto the the Egg Yolks (9) and the Sugar (3/4 Cup or 180 g) mixture
14. Whisk constantly
15. For the next steps - It's easier to use a measuring cup with spout
16. The best dishes for creme brûlées are terra cotta ramekins
17. Pour in the mixture
18. Place the ramekins on an oven-proof tray

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Baking

19. Place in the oven and bake at 305 F / 150 C
20. While it's baking, shake one ramekin and check the center : let them bake until they are barely softly set (almost liquid)
21. Here, shaking the ramequin reveals that the cream is still too liquid...
22. Keep on baking...
23. Another check...
24. Here, shaking the ramequin reveals that the cream is set, not shaking anymore
25. It's time to remove from the oven (in my case, I need to bake for 50 minutes to one hour)

Cooling down

26. Let the ramequins cool down at room temperature
27. Place the ramekins in the fridge to cool completely for at least 2 hours
28. This can even be done overnight without affecting the texture

Ready to serve?

29. Remove from the fridge right when it's ready to be served...

Caramelizing

30. You will need a torch which is the best method
31. Otherwise, you can use the broiler of your oven
32. Spread evenly some Light Brown Sugar, evenly on the top of each ramekin, using a spoon or a strainer
33. Heat with a kitchen blowtorch until the sugar caramelizes evenly
34. The contrast between the cold custard and the warm caramel is what makes this dessert so irresistible !

Suggestions to improve this recipe...

Some suggestions for next time...

- One suggestion would be to use Vanilla Sugar instead of regular Sugar