ASIAGO + SAGE SCALLOPED POTATOES

Ingredients

2 Tbsp unsalted butter

11/2 tsp garlic, finely chopped

1/4 tsp freshly grated nutmeg

11/4 cups heavy cream

1 cup grated Asiago cheese

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

2 1/2 lbs russet potatoes, peeled and sliced lengthwise 1/8" thick 2 medium onions, thinly sliced

2 bay leaves

Course salt and freshly ground pepper

1/2 cup milk

1 cup plain dry bread crumbs

2 1/2 Tbsp fresh sage leaves, finely shredded

Directions

- Saute onions in butter over high heat, stirring until golden, about 8 minutes. Add the garlic, bay leaves, nutmeg, 1 Tbsp coarse salt, and 3/4 tsp pepper.
- 2. Add cream and milk; bring to a boil. Remove from heat, cover, and let stand 5 minutes.
- 3. Toss cheese with bread crumbs, olive oil, 1/2 Tbsp of sage, 1/4 tsp coarse salt, and 1/4 tsp pepper.
- 4. Remove bay leaves from onion mix; stir in remaining 2 Tbsp sage.
- 5. Put potatoes in a large bowl, add onion mix, and toss gently. Spread 1/2 of the potatoes and liquid in a 2 quart nonreactive baking dish; sprinkle 2/3 cup cheese and bread crumbs on top. Cover with remaining potatoes, press firmly to pack down.
- 6. Spoon remaining liquid over potatoes, covering with remaining crumbs. Bake for 1 hour at 400 degrees or until potatoes are tender and golden on top. If they brown too quickly, cover with foil.

Serves 8

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