Fresh Foods for the New Year

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Mushroom and Lentil Stew

Ш	4 T olive oil
	1 medium onion, chopped
	4 large cloves of garlic, chopped
	1T tomato paste
	2T low sodium soy sauce or tamari
	$\frac{2}{3}$ cups dried green lentil, soaked overnight in cool water *optional
	2-3 cups low sodium vegetable, mushroom, or chicken broth
	1 pound mushrooms, preferable a farmers mix, sliced
	1 t fresh thyme
	1 teaspoon fresh chopped rosemary
	1 teapoon salt, plus more for taste
	½ teaspoon pepper for taste
	Chopped parsley or microgreens for garnish

- Preheat oven to 450 and line a sheet pan with parchment paper. Add mushrooms and toss with 1T olive oil and a teaspoon of salt. Lay in a single layer and roast until browned, about 6-8 minutes
 - a. you can skip this step if you want and cook them in the pot, but I think this gives you so much more flavor and texture
- 2. Heat remaining oil in a dutch oven over medium heat and add shallots with a pinch of salt. Stir and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes
- 3. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds
 - a. If you are not roasting the mushrooms, you would add them at this point and cook about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally
- 4. Add tomato paste and cook 3 minutes, stirring so it doesnt burn on the bottom
- 5. Deglaze with soy sauce and then add the stock, lentils, roasted mushrooms, rosemary, thyme, salt and pepper. Stir to combine everything
- 6. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer and cook 20 minutes, or until lentils are tender. If you notice it looks dry, add some more stock
- 7. Taste for salt and pepper and then serve over millet (or any other favotire grains)



Millet

	1 T olive oil
	1 cup raw millet
	2 cups water or low sodium broth
П	1 teaspoon salt

- 8. Heat oil in a saucepan over medium heat and add the millet. Stir to coat oin oil and toast for 3-4 minutes, stirring, until millet is lightly brown. Make sure not to burn!
- 9. Slowly add water or stock, being careful of any sputtering, and stir millet. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Cover and cook until most of the liquid is absorbed, about 15 minutes
- 10. Turn off the stove and remove from heat. Quickly remove lid and wrap in a clean dishtown, then cover the pot again. Leave covered for 10 minutes and then remove top and fluff with fork
 - a. The cloth helps absolve the extra moisture and keeps the millet from becoming mushy
- 11. Enjoy!



Mulled Wine Poached Pears

2-4 Bosc or Anjou Pears {ripe but firm}
1 orange
1 lemon
½ cup maple syrup
1 vanilla bean of 2t vanilla extract
5 cloves
1 star anise
3 cardamom pods
4 allspice berries
1 cinnamon stick
4 whole black peppercorns
2 cups red wine {cab or merlot}
½ cup water {only if you find you need more liquid in your pot}

- 1) Start by getting your poaching liquid ready. Peel the skin off the orange and the lemon and add that along with the fruit juice to your pot.
- 2) Place everything else, except the pears, into the pot and boil. Turn the heat down to low and prep the pears
- 3) Using your paring knife or peeler, peel off the skin of the pear, leaving the stem attached if possible
- 4) Bring the poaching liquid to a simmer and add the pears.
- 5) Simmer for 20-25 minutes, turning the pears every 5-7 minutes to make sure everything has a chance to soak in the poaching goodness
- 6) Take off the heat and allow to cool for 10-15 minutes in the poaching liquid
- 7) **OPTIONAL** Place pears on a plate and return the pot to the stove. Bring to a boil and reduce down until you have a lovely syrup
- 8) Serve pears with ice cream, yogurt, or chocolate sauce
- 9) Store in the fridge for up to 4 days in poaching liquid

