WILD MUSHROOM CAPPELLACCI

Chanterelles • Truffle Foam • Roasted Mushroom Jus

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Concept. Delicate hand-made cappellacci filled with a savory blend of Italian salsiccia, truffled mortadella and sautéed mushrooms, served in a deep roasted mushroom jus. Finished with warm truffle cream foam, sautéed chanterelles and fine herb shoots for height.

Components

- Fresh Egg Pasta Dough
- Mushroom-Mortadella Filling
- Roasted Mushroom Jus
- Sautéed / Pickled Chanterelles
- Truffle Cream Foam
- Finishing & Plating

1. Fresh Egg Pasta Dough

Yield: approx. 20–22 cappellacci (5 tasting portions)

Ingredients

- Farina 00 170 g
- Fine semolina (optional, for structure) –
 30 g
- Egg yolks 95 g
- Whole egg 1 pc (\approx 50 g)
- Extra-virgin olive oil 5 g
- Fine sea salt a pinch

Method

- 1. Combine all dough ingredients and knead 8–10 minutes to a smooth, elastic mass.
- 2. Wrap and rest 30 minutes at room temperature or overnight in fridge.

3. Roll on a pasta machine to 1–1.2 mm thickness. Cut into 7–8 cm squares or rounds for cappellacci.

2. Mushroom-Mortadella Filling

Ingredients

- Italian salsiccia, casing removed 160 g
- Truffled mortadella, diced 300 g
- Porcini mushrooms, finely chopped 60 g
- Shallot, brunoise 20 g
- Unsalted butter 40 g
- Parmigiano Reggiano, grated 80 g
- Whole egg 1 pc (binder)
- Zest of 1 untreated lemon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method

- 1. Sweat shallot in butter until translucent.
- 2. Add salsiccia, cook and crumble finely. Add chopped porcini and cook until dry.
- 3. Cool slightly, then blend with diced truffled mortadella to a fine paste.
- 4. Fold in Parmigiano, lemon zest and egg. Correct seasoning. Chill until piping consistency.

3. Forming the Cappellacci

- 1. Pipe a small quenelle (\approx 15–18 g) of filling onto each pasta square.
- 2. Fold and seal, expelling air, shaping into elegant cappellacci (as in photo).

3. Keep on a semolina-dusted tray, covered.

4. Roasted Mushroom Jus

Ingredients

- Mixed mushrooms (chanterelle, shiitake, cremini), roughly chopped – 300
- Dried porcini, rehydrated 20 g + soaking liquor (strained)
- Shallot, sliced 40 g
- Garlic 1 clove, crushed
- Thyme 1–2 sprigs
- Madeira or dry sherry 40 ml
- Brown veal or poultry stock 450–500 ml
- Unsalted butter 25 g
- Olive oil 1 tbsp
- Salt & pepper

Method

- 1. Caramelize shallot and garlic in olive oil.
- 2. Add fresh mushrooms and brown well to develop umami.
- 3. Deglaze with Madeira/sherry and reduce by half.
- 4. Add porcini, strained soaking liquor, thyme and stock. Simmer 25–30 minutes.
- 5. Strain, reduce to a glossy jus and mount with cold butter to serve.

5. Truffle Cream Foam

Ingredients

- Heavy cream 120 ml
- Whole milk 60 ml
- Truffle paste or truffle jus 15–20 g (to taste)
- Chicken glace 1 tbsp (optional, for body)
- Salt, white pepper
- Lecithin powder or iSi siphon with 1–2 charges (optional)

Method

- 1. Warm cream and milk gently; infuse with truffle paste/jus.
- 2. Season delicately with salt and white pepper.
- 3. Strain. For a light foam, froth with lecithin using a hand blender just before plating, or load into an iSi siphon and keep warm (not hot).

6. Finishing & Plating (Michelin-style)

- 1. Cook the cappellacci in well-salted, gently boiling water for 2–3 minutes or until al dente.
- 2. Warm the roasted mushroom jus and pour a shallow pool into a wide, warm bowl.
- 3. Arrange 5 cappellacci in a circle as in the reference photo.
- 4. Top each cappellacci with a small sautéed or lightly pickled chanterelle.
- 5. Spoon or pipe dots of truffle cream foam onto/around the pasta.

- 6. Finish with fine herb shoots (e.g. fennel tops) for verticality and freshness.
- 7. Serve immediately, with a glass of elegant red (Pinot Noir / Nebbiolo) if pairing.