Bringing Maple to the Table

When it comes to cooking with maple, there's a great payoff to thinking beyond the pancake. "It's a flavor that really captivates me—it really adds a complexity and robustness to a dish," says **Betty Liu**, the Boston-based photographer behind the popular food blog *le jus d'orange*. Ahead, she shows off maple's versatility in both sweet and savory creations: cinnamon buns and baked salmon.

PARCHMENT-BAKED SALMON AND PARSNIPS WITH MAPLE-SOY GLAZE

Active Time: 20 min. Total Time: 1 hour 10 min.

Serves 2

Fish baked in parchment paper (a technique known as en papillote) gently steams in its own juices, yielding a moist, perfectly cooked fillet every time.

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Make-Ahead: The salmon can be refrigerated in the marinade for up to 1 day.

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- 1 tsp. sesame oil
- 2 (6-oz.) skinless salmon fillets
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 (1") piece fresh ginger, peeled and sliced
- 1 (4-oz.) parsnip, shaved into ribbons with a peeler
- 4 shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced thin
- 2 scallions, sliced thin
- 1. Whisk maple syrup, soy sauce, vinegar, and oil in a shallow bowl; add salmon, garlic, and ginger and turn fish to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 2. Heat oven to 350°, Cut two (15x12") sheets of parchment paper, fold each in half crosswise, and cut into large heart shapes. Open and lay them flat on the counter.
- **3.** Toss together parsnip and mushrooms and divide between the parchment hearts, piling on one side near the

center crease. Top parsnip mixture with salmon fillets. Pour marinade into a small saucepan and set aside.

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some of the extra glaze on top.

- **4.** Fold the parchment over each fillet to form a teardrop shape and make small pleats from one end to the other to seal. Place packets on a baking sheet and bake until fish is just cooked through, about 15 minutes.
- **5.** Meanwhile, bring reserved marinade to a simmer over medium-high heat and cook until sauce is glazy and reduced by about half, 5 to 7 minutes; discard garlic and ginger.
- **6.** Transfer packets to plates and cut centers open. Brush fillets with glaze, top with scallions, and serve with extra glaze.

Per Serving: 350 Cal; 13g Fat (2g Sat Fat); 105mg Chol; 200mg Sodium; 18g Carb; 4g Fiber; 40g Protein "The sweetness of the maple syrup balances the salty umami flavor of the soy sauce."

-Betty Liu