#### **TEAM ITALY 2006**

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# FRUIT EMOTIONS

Presented dramatically on a tiered black stand, Team Italy's plated dessert from the 2006 WPTC features a panoply of fruit flavors paired with dark chocolate. On the top tier is an Orange Jelly topped with a Fruit and Vegetable Soup made with fennel, celery, papaya, mango, and green apple and crowned with a flurry of Grated Coconut Gelato. The center tier features an orange biscuit cake paired with a saffron gelato and chocolate cream, while the lowest level holds an eggshell containing a Cocoa Bean Panna Cotta topped with a Mango and Ruby Peach Gelatin.

MAKES 14 SERVINGS

### Grated Coconut Gelato

200 g (7.1 oz/ $^{3}$ 4 cup plus 1 Tbsp) natural mineral water 70 g (2.5 oz/ $^{1}$ 5 cup) granulated sugar 3 g (0.11 oz/ $^{3}$ 4 tsp) neutral stabilizer 600 g (21.2 oz/ $^{2}$ 5 cups) sweetened coconut pulp (10%)

- 1. In a medium saucepan over high heat, bring the water, sugar, and stabilizer to a boil. Remove from the heat and let cool.
- 2. When the sugar mixture cools to 104°F (39°C), add the coconut pulp and mix well. Pour the mixture into fourteen 3-oz (90-ml) round Flexipan molds and freeze until firm. (The Coconut Gelato will be grated on top of the Fruit and Vegetable Soup with Passion Fruit Syrup in the final assembly.)

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# Fruit and Vegetable Soup in Passion Fruit Syrup and Elderflower Infusion

#### **PASSION FRUIT SYRUP**

100 g (3.5 oz/ $\frac{1}{2}$  cup plus 2 Tbsp) fresh passion fruit pulp 25 g (0.9 oz/2 Tbsp) superfine granulated sugar 25 g (0.9 oz/1 Tbsp plus 2 tsp) natural mineral water

1. In a medium saucepan, bring all of the ingredients to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat and set aside.

#### **ELDERFLOWER INFUSION**

100 g (3.5 oz/ $\frac{1}{3}$  cup plus 1 Tbsp plus 2 tsp) natural mineral water 50 g (1.8 oz/ $\frac{1}{3}$  cup) superfine granulated sugar 15 g (0.5 oz/ $\frac{1}{3}$  cup plus 1 Tbsp) dried elderflowers

1. In a small saucepan, bring the water and sugar to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat. When the mixture cools to 122°F (50°C), add the dried elderflowers and allow to infuse for 45 minutes. Strain and combine with the Passion Fruit Syrup.

#### **FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SOUP**

70 g (2.5 oz/% cup) fresh mango, cut into brunoise 70 g (2.5 oz/% cup) fresh papaya, cut into brunoise 70 g (2.5 oz/% of a medium bulb) fresh fennel, diced 50 g (1.8 oz/% of a medium apple) fresh green apple, diced 30 g (1.1 oz/% cup) fennel hearts, blanched in simple syrup (made with equal parts sugar and water), and diced

30 g (1.1 oz/about 2 stalks) fresh celery hearts, diced

1. Add all of the fruits and vegetables to the Passion Fruit Syrup.

## Orange Jelly

125 g (4.4 oz/½ cup) fresh Sicilian orange pulp 37 g (1.3 oz/3 Tbsp) granulated sugar 2 g (0.07 oz/¾ tsp) pectin NH 1.5 g (0.05 oz/½ tsp) sodium alginate

- 1. In a medium saucepan, combine the orange pulp with  $25 \,\mathrm{g}$  (0.88 oz/2 Tbsp) of the sugar and cook over medium heat to 140°F (60°C). Remove from the heat and set aside.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine the pectin, sodium alginate, and the remaining 12 g (0.42 oz/1 Tbsp) sugar. Add this to the orange mixture and bring the entire mixture to a boil.
- 3. Pour the jelly into serving glasses and chill.



### Chocolate Emotions

#### DARK CHOCOLATE CRÉMEUX

600 g (21.2 oz/2½ cups plus 1 Tbsp plus 1½ tsp) heavy cream (35% butterfat) 120 g (4.2 oz/½ cup) pasteurized egg yolks 60 g (2.1 oz/½ cup plus 2 tsp) granulated sugar 270 g (9.5 oz) dark chocolate (66%), partially melted

- 1. In a medium saucepan, bring the cream to a gentle boil over medium-high heat. Meanwhile, in a bowl, whisk together the egg yolks and sugar. Whisk some of the hot cream into the egg yolk-sugar mixture to temper the eggs, then return the entire mixture to the saucepan and cook until slightly thickened, stirring constantly. Pass through a fine-mesh sieve.
- 2. While the custard is still warm, add the partially melted chocolate and mix well until smooth.

#### **SOFT ORANGE-SCENTED BISCUIT**

 $180~g~(6.3~oz/3\frac{1}{2})~eggs$   $100~g~(3.5~oz/scant~\frac{1}{2}~cup)~extra-virgin~olive~oil$   $180~g~(6.3~oz/1\frac{2}{3}~cups)~pastry~flour$   $90~g~(3.2~oz/scant~\frac{1}{2}~cup)~granulated~sugar$   $60~g~(2.1~oz/\frac{1}{4}~cup~plus~1\frac{1}{2}~tsp)~cassonade~sugar$   $5~g~(0.2~oz/1\frac{3}{4}~tsp)~active~dry~yeast$  0.5~g~(0.9~oz/pinch)~salt Finely grated zest of  $\frac{1}{2}$  orange

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325°F (163°C).
- 2. In a food processor fitted with the steel blade, mix together all of the ingredients. Divide the mixture among 14 mignon Flexipan molds. Bake for 8 minutes. Cool completely.

#### SAFFRON GELATO

1 kg (35.5 oz/1 qt plus 2 Tbsp) whole milk
333 g (11.7 oz/1¼ cups plus 3 Tbsp) heavy cream (35% butterfat)
0.5 g (0.01 oz/½ tsp) Sicilian saffron pistils
350 g (12.3 oz/1¾ cups) granulated sugar
80 g (2.8 oz/¾ cup plus 1 Tbsp) dextrose powder
45 g (1.6 oz/scant ½ cup) nonfat dry milk
6 g (0.2 oz/2 tsp) neutral stabilizer
2 g (0.07 oz/1 tsp) fleur de sel
160 g (5.6 oz/½ cup plus 2 Tbsp) pasteurized egg yolks
40 g (1.4 oz/2 Tbsp) Acadia honey

- 1. In a large saucepan, combine the milk, cream, and saffron and bring to a boil over high heat. Remove from the heat and allow to infuse for 1 hour.
- 2. Add the remaining ingredients to the saucepan at 140°F (60°C) and then heat to 180°F (82°C), stirring constantly.

- 3. Cool the mixture in a polycarbonate container in a blast chiller. Transfer the cooled mixture to an ice cream maker and process according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. Mold the gelato in 14¾-in (37.5-cm) demisphere molds and freeze until ready to use.

## Egg Emotions

#### **TONKA COCOA BEAN PANNA COTTA**

400~g~(14.1~oz/1%~cups) heavy cream (35% butterfat) 1~Tonka~cocoa~bean,~grated 200~g~(7.1~oz) white chocolate, chopped 40~g~(1.4~oz/3~%~Tbsp) cocoa butter, softened 200~g~(7.1~oz/%~cup~plus~1~Tbsp) whole milk 20~g~(0.71~oz/1~Tbsp) glucose syrup 20~g~(0.18~oz/10~sheets) gelatin (silver grade), bloomed and drained

- 1. In a small container, combine the cream with the grated Tonka cocoa bean, cover, and refrigerate for at least 24 hours. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve before using.
- 2. Place the white chocolate and cocoa butter in a large bowl. In a large saucepan, combine the milk and glucose and bring to a boil over medium heat. Add the drained gelatin and stir until melted. Pour the mixture slowly over the white chocolate and cocoa butter in the bowl and whisk until smooth. Whisk in the strained, chilled cocoa-infused cream.
- 3. Place the mixture in a polycarbonate container and cover the surface directly with plastic wrap. Allow to crystallize for 3 hours at 48°F (9°C).

#### MANGO AND RUBY PEACH GELATIN

120~g~(4.2~oz/½~cup)~sweetened~ruby~peach~pur'ee~(10%) 100~g~(3.5~oz/½~cup~plus~2~tsp)~sweetened~mango~pur'ee~(10%) 60~g~(2.1~oz/½~cup)~granulated~sugar 1.8~g~(0.06~oz/¾~sheet)~gelatin~(silver~grade),~bloomed~and~drained

- 1. In a medium saucepan, combine the peach and mango purées, sugar, and drained gelatin. Cook over medium heat and bring to a temperature of 113°F (45°C). Mix until the gelatin is melted.
- 2. Pour into 14 mignon Flexipan demisphere molds and chill until set.

#### CHOCOWNIE

500~g~(17.6~oz/2%~cups) Italian white wine 150~g~(5.3~oz/1%~cups~plus~1~Tbsp)~cacao~nibs 15~g~(0.53~oz/1~Tbsp~plus~1~tsp)~granulated~sugar

- 1. In a medium saucepan, combine all of the ingredients and cook over medium heat to 140°F (60°C). Remove from the heat and allow to infuse for 2 hours.
- 2. Strain the Chocownie.

# **ASSEMBLY**

- 1. Arrange a layer of Fruit and Vegetable Soup with Passion Fruit Syrup and Elderflower Infusion on top of the set Orange Jelly. Top this layer with a scoop of Grated Coconut Gelato and arrange on a serving plate (or, if using a tiered stand, on the top tier).
- 2. Arrange a Soft Orange-Scented Biscuit on each plate (or the middle tier of the stand), topped with the Saffron Gelato. Spoon some of the Dark Chocolate Crémeux alongside. Next to that (or on the lowest tier), place the Tonka Cocoa Bean Panna Cotta topped with the Mango and Ruby Peach Gelatin. Pour the Chocownie in a serving glass and serve alongside the panna cotta.

