SEARED CHICKEN MARSALA WITH CRIMINI MUSHROOMS By: Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott

Ingredients:

Yields 4 servings

4 skinless, boneless, chicken breasts (about 1 ½ pounds)

All-purpose flour, for dredging

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 ounces prosciutto, thinly sliced
- 8 ounces cremini, stemmed and halved
- ½ cup sweet marsala wine
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¼ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

- Put the chicken breasts side by side on a cutting board and lay a piece of plastic wrap over them and then pound with a flat meat mallet until they are about ¼ inch thick
- Put some flour in a shallow platter and season with a fair amount of salt and pepper mix with a fork to distribute evenly
- Heat the oil over medium-high flame in a large skillet
- When the oil is nice and hot, dredge both sides of the chicken in the seasoned flour, shaking off the excess
- Put the cutlets into the pan and fry for 5 minutes on each side until golden, turning once do this in batches if the pieces do not fit comfortably in the pan
- Remove the chicken to a large platter in a single layer to keep warm
- Lower the heat to medium and add the prosciutto to the drippings in the pan, sauté for 1 minute to render out some of the fat
- Add the mushrooms and sauté until they are nicely browned, and their moisture has evaporated, about 5 minutes
- Season with salt and pepper
- Pour the marsala in the pan and boil down for a few seconds to cook out the alcohol
- Add the chicken stock and simmer for a minute to reduce the sauce slightly
- Stir in the butter and return the chicken to the pan
- Simmer gently for 1 minute to heat the chicken through
- Season with salt and pepper and garnish with chopped parsley before serving

EGGNOG RUM BREAD WITH SWEET NUTMEG GLAZE By: Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott

Ingredients:

Yields 1 loaf

For the Bread: 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour 1 cup granulated sugar ½ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg ¾ cup eggnog ½ cup vegetable or canola oil 2 large eggs, slightly beaten 1 teaspoon vanilla extract ½ teaspoon rum extract

For the Eggnog Glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar 3 tablespoons eggnog ½ teaspoon vanilla extract ¼ teaspoon rum extract 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F
- Spray a 8 ½ x 4 ½ loaf pan with cooking spray and set aside
- In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, cinnamon, and nutmeg
- In a separate medium bowl, combine the eggnog, oil, eggs, vanilla extract, and rum extract
- Slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir until combined
- Pour batter into prepared loaf pan
- Pound the pan on the counter so the loaf cake is evenly set in the pan
- Bake for 65-70 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean
- Place the loaf on a cooling rack and cool for 15 minutes
- Loosen the sides of the bread with a knife and carefully remove the loaf from the pan

- Let cool completely on a wire rack
- While the bread is cooling, make the eggnog glaze
- In a small bowl whisk together powdered sugar, eggnog, vanilla extract, rum extract, and nutmeg
- Drizzle the glaze on the cooled loaf
- Cut into slices and serve