

GUASTELLO'S VILLAGE MARKET

Pear – Sour Cherry Flat Pie

Serves 8 - 10

Ingredients:

All-purpose flour, for work surface

14 oz. best-quality puff pastry, thawed or 1 Box Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry cut to the dimensions below

3 small or 2 medium Bartlett pears (about 1 pound, 2 ounces), peeled, halved, cored, and cut into ¼-inch slices

2 ounces dried sour cherries or cranberries

1/3 cup sugar, plus more for sprinkling

4 tsp. cornstarch

1 tbl. fresh lemon juice

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Five-spice powder

1 large egg, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 375°. On a lightly floured surface, unfold dough, and roll to 10 by 15 inches. Cut into two 10-by-7 ½-inch rectangles. Refrigerate until cold.

Stir pears, cherries, sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and 1/8 tsp. each of salt, pepper, and spice powder in a bowl.

Transfer 1 rectangle of dough to a baking sheet lined with parchment. Spoon fruit mixture onto dough, leaving a 1-inch border all around. Brush border with beaten egg. Lay remaining dough over filling; press gently to seal. Refrigerate 20 minutes.

Transfer to a room-temperature rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment.

Trim edges, and brush top with beaten egg. Cut five 5-inch vents in top. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake, rotating once, until crust is golden and juices are bubbling, about 35 minutes. Transfer pie to a wire rack; let cool 20 minutes before serving.

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