Shrimp & Grits

Shrimp and grits are a southern classic. Packed with flavor, and quick to prepare, this lowcountry dish is a go-to crowd pleaser. Creamy, buttery grits are the perfect compliment to tender shrimp. We like this combination best when served with fresh green onions and a side of our favorite lager (Louisiana's Abita is ideal.)

Grits Ingredients:

4 cups of water
1 cup Stone Ground Grits
1/2 tsp salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Shrimp Ingredients:

8 large prawns

1/4 tsp Old Bay

1/4 tsp paprika

1/4 tsp Italian seasonings

3 garlic cloves minced

2 tbsp olive oil

2 shallot, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

8 shiitake mushroom, diced

3 green onion stalks, chopped

1/2 cup white wine

1/4 cup warm water

1 tbsp thyme

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp pepper

Directions:

- 1. In a Dutch oven or large pot, bring the water to a boil. Add salt. Slowly add the grits, whisking constantly while adding. (Optional: Replace 2 cups of the water with milk. Bring the water to a boil. Add the milk, grits and salt and immediately bring down to a simmer so you don't scald.)
- 2. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- 3. Add butter and (if desired) cheddar cheese to taste. Note: Grits can always wait on the shrimp. If they get too think, add more stock to thin them out before serving.

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- 4. While grits are cooking, gently wash prawns. Place shrimp in a mixing bowl and add minced garlic, Old Bay, paprika, Italian seasonings, salt, pepper, 1 tbsp olive oil and toss shrimp until coated. Set aside.
- 5. Add remaining olive oil to a medium sauté pan with garlic and shallot. Sweat until vegetables are limp, about 30 seconds. Add mushrooms and cook for 4 minutes. Add wine, shrimp and water. Cook until shrimp flesh is slightly opaque, then add thyme, green onions and butter.
- 6. Immediately serve shrimp over grits and garnish with more diced green onion.