

MUSSELS WITH FENNEL, WINE & HERBS

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

6 Tbsp	Olive Oil, divided
4 cloves	Garlic, sliced thinly
1 medium	Leek, halved, thinly sliced
1 large	Fennel Bulb, halved, shaved
1½ - 2 cups	Crisp White Wine
2 sprigs	Thyme
2 lbs	Mussels, scrubbed, de-bearded
¼ cup	Parsley, minced
6-8 slices	Thick Crusty Bread
To Taste	Salt

Equipment

- Chef's knife
- Large skillet or saucier with cover
- Spatula
- Bread knife
- Plate
- Grill/grill pan
- Sheet tray

Directions

- 1. Heat 2 Tbsp of the oil in large skillet or saucier on med-high to high heat. Sauté garlic, onions, and fennel for 5-7 minutes, until onions are translucent.
- 2. Add wine and thyme. Bring to a simmer and reduce liquid by half. Season with salt. Bring to a boil.
- 3. Stir in mussels. Cover and cook (shaking the pan occasionally) for about 6-10 minutes until the mussels are all open. Remove from heat and add parsley.
- 4. Pour remaining oil onto plate. Dip each slice of bread in oil, coat evenly. Season with salt.
- 5. Heat grill/grill pan on med-high to high heat. Grill bread, oil side down, until nicely marked. Serve with the mussels.