Pretzel Sticks + Fig Balsamic Mustard

WITH SOLA STELLA EVOO & FIG BALSAMIC

Ingredients

Soft Pretzel Sticks:

- · 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
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1 cup warm water

- 1 teaspoon salt2 1/4 teaspoons active dry yeast (1 packet)
 - 1/4 cup Sola Stella EVOO
 - 1/2 cup baking soda
 - 1 egg, beaten
- Coarse salt
 Fig Balsamic Mustard Dip:
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons Sola Stella EVOO
 - 1/4 cup Fig Balsamic Vinegar
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt1/4 teaspoon black pepper

<u>Directions</u>

- 1.In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, sugar, salt, and yeast. Mix well.
 2.In a separate bowl, combine the warm water and olive oil. Gradually add the
- water and oil mixture to the flour mixture, stirring until a dough forms.
- 3. Knead the dough on a floured surface for about 5 minutes.
- 4. Place the dough in a greased bowl, cover it with a clean towel, and let it rise in a warm place for about 1 hour.
- 5. While it's rising, make your fig balsamic mustard dip.
- 6. In a small bowl, whisk together the Dijon mustard, olive oil, fig balsamic
- vinegar, honey, salt, and black pepper until well combined. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate the dip for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld together.
- 7. Preheat your oven to 450°F.
- $8. \mbox{In}$ a large pot, bring 2 quarts of water to a boil. Add the baking soda.
- 9. Divide the dough into 12 equal parts. Roll each part into a long, thin rope (about 12 inches long and 1/2 inch thick). Cut each rope into 2 equal parts to make 24 pretzel sticks (or leave larger and make 12).
- 10. Carefully drop the pretzel sticks into the boiling water for about 30 seconds. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a greased baking sheet.
- 11. Brush each pretzel stick with the beaten egg and sprinkle with coarse salt.
 12. Bake the pretzel sticks for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown.





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