Fig Bread Pudding with Rum Sauce





Ingredients

For the Fig Bread Pudding:

- 6 cups stale bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup Sola Stella EVOO
- 2 tablespoons Fig Balsamic Vinegar
- · 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dried figs, chopped
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds (optional)

For the Rum Sauce:

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup dark rum
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- · Pinch of salt

Directions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Grease a baking dish with a little olive oil.
- 2. Place the cubed bread in the greased baking dish, evenly distributed.
- 3.In a bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, granulated sugar, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, vanilla extract, ground cinnamon, & salt until well combined.
- 4. Pour the custard mixture evenly over the bread cubes. Gently press down on the bread to ensure it absorbs the custard.
- 5. Sprinkle the chopped dried figs over the bread mixture, distributing evenly.
- 6. If you're using sliced almonds, sprinkle them over the top now.
- 7. Place the baking dish in the preheated oven and bake for about 45-50 minutes, or until the top is golden brown and the custard is set.
- 8.In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add brown sugar to the melted butter and stir until dissolved. Pour in the rum and let it simmer for a couple of minutes. Add the heavy cream and a pinch of salt, stirring until the sauce thickens slightly.
- Remove the bread pudding from the oven. Serve warm, drizzling the decadent spiced rum sauce over individual portions just before serving.



