

## Asparagus soup with spring onion pesto and old cheese



#### Ingredients

- 4 spring onion
- 4 garlic cloves
- 2 potatoes
- 350 gram green asparagus
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 750 ml water
- sea salt
- pepper
- 125 grams of garden peas
- mustard
- 4 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 sprig of basil
- 28 grams of pine nuts
- 28 gram Old Cheese

White asparagus, also known as the "white gold", are a true spring treat. They have a mild, delicate flavour and lend themselves perfectly to light and elegant dishes. In this recipe, we combine them with a surprising spring onion pesto, which gives the soup just that little extra spice and freshness. A delicious, seasonal soup that is both warming and refreshing - perfect for lunch or as a stylish starter with a spring or Easter menu.

### Preparation

- 1: Slice the spring onion into rings and chop the garlic finely. Then peel and dice the potatoes, and cut the asparagus into small pieces.
- 2: Add a splash of olive oil to a pan. Sauté the spring onion and garlic for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the potatoes, water, salt, and pepper, and cook until the potatoes are tender. Then add the asparagus and cook for another 5 minutes.
- 3: Remove the pan from the heat and add the garden peas, mustard and lemon juice. Purée with a hand blender and then leave the soup to cool.
- 4: Add the basil to the mixture and blend again. Then season the whole with salt and pepper.
- 5: Make a start on the spring onion pesto. Chop the garlic finely and the spring onion into thin rings.
- 6: Grate the Henri Willig Organic Gouda old 50+ Cheese
- 7: Put the sliced spring onion, garlic, cheese, basil, pine nuts, olive oil in a mortar or bowl of a hand blender. Blend to form a thick sauce. After this, season with salt and black pepper.
- 8: Garnish the soup with a spoonful of spring onion pesto and sliced spring onion.

# What is the difference between white and green asparagus in soup?

White and green asparagus have different flavours, for example, white asparagus has a more subtle, mild flavour and green has a slightly spicier taste. Green asparagus give the soup a fresh flavour and colour.



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#### Serving & variation tips:

- Side dishes: Add delicious cheese biscuits. You can easily make these yourself.
- Luxury Twist: Do you like just that little bit extra? Add pieces of smoked salmon and fresh dill to the asparagus soup.
- Exotic Twist: For a delicious summer flavour, add coconut milk and lime.

Asparagus soup is the perfect dish to celebrate spring. Whether you opt for a traditional preparation or a creative twist, asparagus soup can easily be combined with all kinds of ingredients - just like this delicious soup with old cheese. Enjoy!

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