Greek Marinated Lamb Chops with Tzatziki

Serves 4:

Ingredients

Greek Marinade: 4 to 5 garlic cloves, chopped 2 tablespoons rosemary or oregano, chopped zest of one lemon juice of two lemons kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper 1/4 cup olive oil

2-1 1/2 pound racks of Australian lamb, rinsed and patted dry

Tzatziki: 6 ounces Greek yogurt, 0% 2 garlic cloves, pressed juice of one lemon 1/2 seedless cucumber, grated 2 tablespoons mint leaves, julienned drizzle of good quality extra virgin olive oil kosher salt and freshly ground cracked black pepper to taste

Preparation

Whisk together Greek Marinade ingredients. Trim excess fat from lamb racks; place in baking dish and pour marinade on top. Place in refrigerator for a half hour, or up to 4 hours.

To make Tzatziki, combine all ingredients; refrigerate to allow flavors to meld.

Remove lamb from fridge and let meat come to room temperature; preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a hot skillet, over medium heat, sear the racks, fat side down, 5 to 10 minutes. Turn racks over in pan and place pan in preheated oven for 10 to 12 minutes. An instant read thermometer should reach 140 for rare to medium rare; let lamb rest for 5 minutes. Carve lamb racks into individual ribs; serving 3 to 4 ribs person; pass the Tzatziki alongside.

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