Cherry Cardamom Hand Pies by Ashley Rodriguez and Electrolux

Ingredients

- 1 pound cherries, pitted (fresh or frozen)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom (or 4 pods)
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- Pinch of salt
- 1 batch homemade or store-bought pie dough
- 1 egg, lightly beaten with 1 teaspoon water

Instructions

- 1. Preheat your oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment.
- 2. Combine cherries, sugar, cornstarch, cardamom, lemon zest, and salt in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse mixture about 10 times to break up the large pieces of cherries. (This way, you can pack more filling into the small hand pies.)
- 3. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch or 1/8-inch thickness. Cut out 4-inch rounds from dough.
- 4. You can collect and re-roll any remaining scraps for more rounds one time before you start losing the integrity of the pie dough.
- 5. Add a heaping tablespoon of filling to the lower half of each circle. Dab your finger into a small dish of water and run it along the bottom seam of the dough.
- 6. Fold the top half over the cherry mixture and crimp the edge with a fork to secure. Lightly pierce the top of each hand pie with a fork to allow steam to escape, then place on parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 7. Brush tops of each hand pie with the egg wash and place baking sheet into the freezer for 10 minutes.
- 8. Transfer to oven and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until pastries are deeply golden.