Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Balsamic Glaze

This satisfying side dish goes beyond basic, boring Brussels sprouts with its rich oven-roasted flavour enhanced with just a hint of sweetness. The combination of sweet and savoury elements in this dish makes it a perfect complement for a wide variety of main dishes, ranging from maple-grilled salmon to these yummy Maple Balsamic Pork Chops. — Recipe Here

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 20-25 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

2 T. extra virgin olive oil
1 lb. small Brussels sprouts, rinsed and cut in half

Salt and black pepper, to taste

1/3 c. balsamic vinegar

1 T. real maple syrup

Directions:

- 1. Place oven rack in centre position and preheat oven to 190°C / 400°F.
- 2. Heat olive oil in a large cast iron or other oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add Brussels sprouts to skillet and season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook for several minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sprouts begin to turn brown.
- 3. Once browned, transfer the skillet into the preheated oven and roast for 15-20 minutes, stirring halfway through. Remove sprouts from oven once they are tender and start to turn a rich brown colour.

- 4. While the sprouts are roasting, add balsamic vinegar and maple syrup to a small skillet and heat over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, then reduce heat to medium. Continue stirring until the vinegar mixture reduces to about 1/3 of its original volume and becomes thick and syrupy. (Do not overcook or it will become too hard and sticky).
- 5. To serve, transfer Brussels sprouts to a plate and drizzle lightly with balsamic glaze. Season with salt and pepper, if desired, and enjoy immediately with Maple Balsamic Boneless Pork Chops or other entrée of your choice.