## **Chocolate Dacquoise Cake Recipe**

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Prep. time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Ready in 60 minutes plus cooling

Level: Advanced

## **Dacquoise Cakes**

- Egg whites 200g (70z)
- Sugar 50g (1.8oz)
- Roasted hazelnuts 200g (70z)
- Powdered sugar 200g (70z)
- All purpose flour 50g (1.8oz)

## **Chocolate Ganache**

- Dark chocolate 200g (70z)
- Whipping cream 200g (70z)
- Butter 50g (1.8oz)

## **Directions**

- 1. Pulverize roasted hazelnuts in a food processor.
- 2. Sift powdered sugar and flour into a bowl and add ground hazelnuts. Whisk to combine the dry ingredients.
- 3. Make French meringue from egg whites and sugar. Whisk the egg whites to soft peaks, and gradually add sugar. Continue whisking until meringue reaches stiff peaks.

- 4. Add dry ingredients into the meringue, and fold them carefully with silicone spatula.
- 5. Fill two 16cm (6") ring molds with the mixture
- 6. Bake dacquoise at 180°C (350°F) for about 30 minutes until golden brown.
- 7. Take them out of the oven and leave them to cool down completely.
- 8. Make ganache. Chop chocolate into small pieces and put it into a bowl. Pour the cream into a saucepan and bring it to a boil. Immediately pour the boiling cream into the bowl with chocolate. Leave for a minute and then start stirring until all the chocolate melts and ganache becomes nice and glossy. At the end add softened butter and continue stirring until the butter melts.
- 9. Leave ganache at room temperature to cool down.
- 10. When ganache cools down, it will thicken a little bit. You should stir it every now and then, and when you feel it is thick enough to pipe, put it in a piping bag fitted with plain 10mm (3/8") tip.
- 11. Remove dacquoise from the molds by using small knife. Level the top of dacquoise with serrated knife.
- 12. Pipe the ganache onto the first dacquoise. Place the second dacquoise on top and decorate with leftover ganache.

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