Classic Hot Eggnog

Makes 12 servings



Ingredients:

- 2 quarts, whole milk
- 1 tbsp, vanilla extract (sub one vanilla bean if desired)
- 1/8 tsp, salt (just a pinch)
- 12 eggs (separate yolks and whites)
- 1 3/4 cup, white granulated sugar (1 cup for egg yolks, 3/4 cup for egg whites)
- 1 quart, heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 tsp, ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp, ground cinnamon

Directions:

- 1. In a large saucepan combine milk, vanilla extract and salt, and heat to approximately 190°F (Just below a simmer, do not let boil.)
- 2. In a large bowl, combine egg yolks with 1 cup of the sugar and whisk vigorously until mixture has become pale in color and has a ribbon like texture. (A hand mixer can be used with whisk attachment.)
- 3. Slowly add 2 cups of the hot milk mixture to the egg yolks, whisking as you go to temper the eggs. Then add egg mixture into the pot of hot milk whisking constantly.
- 4. Add the heavy cream and over medium-low heat bring mixture up to 165°F, stirring regularly until liquid is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. (Do not let boil.)
- 5. In a separate bowl, begin beating the egg whites with a whisk or hand mixer on a low speed. Gradually add 3/4 cup of sugar, while increasing speed of blender in 30 second intervals until mixer is on high speed. Continue to beat the egg whites and sugar until they reach a medium peak.
- 6. Strain thickened milk mixture through a fine mesh strainer and hold in a large bowl. Take beaten egg whites and gently fold into the hot milk mixture.

^{*}Bourbon, rum brandy, amaretto, or other spirits may also be added if desired.