Berbere Style Veggie Burgers

Berbere Spice Mix

Ingredients:

½ cup red-hot chilies – long red spicy chili peppers are highly recommended - grind dried peppers in a bladed grinder (coffee grinder)

1/4 cup smoked paprika

1 tsp cardamom

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp onion powder

½ tsp coriander

½ tsp cumin

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/4 tsp ground clove

¼ tsp ground cinnamon

1/4 tsp allspice

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly.

If using a coffee grinder or spice mixer, make sure to use gloves while removing the hot red chilies.

Nutrition Facts		
Serving (1) 161.1g		•
Calories	137 kcal	7%
Calories from Fats	93.3 kcal	5%
Total Fat	4.2 g	7%
Saturated Fat	0.85 g	4%
Trans Fat	0 g	0%
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	325 mg	14%
Total Carbs	27.4 g	9%
Fiber	12.5 g	50%
Sugars	3.1 g	6%
Protein	5.2 g	10%

Pickled Watermelon

Ingredients:

1 Michigan baby seedless watermelon ½ cup apple cider vinegar ¼ cup MI honey

½ tsp salt

Directions:

- 1. Combine the apple cider vinegar, honey and salt in a small saucepan over medium high heat until salt and honey completely dissolve.
- 2. Remove the rind from the watermelon and then slice round pieces slightly larger than the buns you will be using for the burgers. Watermelon slices should be about ¼ inch thick.
- 3. Once the pickling liquid reaches 160F. In a shallow heatproof pan place, the watermelon slices and pour over the pickling liquid once.
- 4. Pickled watermelon can be made up to 6 days before serving Berbere veggie burgers

Nutrition Facts		
Serving (1) 3,219g		•
Calories	1186 kcal	59%
Calories from Fats	5.3 kcal	0%
Total Fat	4.5 g	7%
Saturated Fat	0.48 g	2%
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	1218 mg	51%
Total Carbs	298 g	99%
Fiber	12.2 g	49%
Sugars	257 g	514%
Protein	18.6 g	37%

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Ingredients:

15 oz cooked MI black beans

1.5 cups cooked brown rice

8 oz mushrooms

1 cup shredded carrot

1/₃ cup MI walnuts

3 T Berbere spice mix

2 T minced garlic

3 T olive oil

1 T tomato paste

Directions:

- 1. Cook brown rice according to package directions
- 2. Clean, wash and remove any dirt from the vegetables.
- 3. Slice mushrooms. In a large sauté pan, sear mushrooms with 2 T olive oil. Make sure the mushrooms are very brown after searing.
- 4. In a food processor, add the black beans, seared mushrooms, walnuts, garlic and tomato paste and pulse until blended. You want the mixture to retain a slightly course texture.
- 5. Remove the processed mixture into a large bowl. Add rice, shredded carrot, Berbere spice mix and incorporate all ingredient thoroughly.
- 6. In a large sauté pan place remaining Tablespoon of olive oil and over medium heat; using gloves, form bean burgers into desired size about 8oz. Place veggie burgers into pan. Sear each side for about 6-7 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 150F.
- 7. Place on whole-wheat burger buns with a slice of the pickled watermelon and top with your favorite burger condiments and Michigan veggies.



Nutrition Facts		
Serving (1) 637.4g		•
Calories	1231 kcal	62%
Calories from Fats	9106 kcal	455%
Total Fat	82.1 g	126%
Saturated Fat	10.1 g	50%
Cholesterol	0 mg	0%
Sodium	134 mg	6%
Total Carbs	111 g	37%
Fiber	14.7 g	59%
Sugars	10.9 g	22%
Protein	23 g	46%