

MOZZARELLA COMPANY NEWS



Cheese of the Month

Blanca Bianca

Blanca Bianca is our very own creation. It was inspired by cheeses that Paula enjoyed during her travels in France. It is a soft-textured, very flavorful cheese. It is a pale, red-orange-colored wheel about 6 inches in diameter that weighs less than two pounds. Because it is a washed rind cheese, it has a pungent aroma that comes from natural bacteria linens that develops on the exterior of the cheese. It has a tender rind and a creamy interior paste. Its flavor is assertive but not too strong.

To make Blanca Bianca we heat farm-fresh cow's milk and then add cultures and rennet. Once the milk coagulates, we cut the curds and gently stir them as they mature. Finally the curds are poured into molds to drain. The cheeses are salted in a brine and then placed on racks to dry. During the next two months, whilst the wheels of cheeses are maturing, they are massaged daily with white wine. The USA laws governing raw milk cheeses mandate that all raw-milk cheeses must be aged for a minimum of 60 days before they are sold. So, after 60 days, Blanca Bianca is ready to sell; however, we have found that additional aging allows the flavor to intensify and the texture to soften, so we age our Blanca Bianca for three or four months. We have a limited quantity of Blanca Bianca because we produce only 20 wheels at a time.

It is wonderful with both red and white wines, and it pairs very nicely with late harvest dessert wines. It is good with fruits such as pears and apples. It's also great with toasted nuts and dried fruits as well as fruit pastes, jams and chutneys. It is especially good in salads

Recipe of the Month

Waldorf Salad with Blanca Bianca

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons champagne or apple cider vinegar

- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon chopped shallots
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Milk or water (optional)

3 tart, crisp apples, unpeeled, cubed 1/2 inch 3 ribs celery, strings peeled, thinly sliced

1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped toasted walnuts

1 cup red grapes, cut in half

4 ounces Blanca Bianca, cubed 1/4 inch

2 bunches watercress

Combine the mayonnaise, vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, shallots, and parsley in the workbowl of a food processor or blender. Blend until smooth. Season with salt and pepper. If the dressing is too think, it can be thinned with milk or water. Set aside.

Place the apples, celery, walnuts, grapes and Blanca Bianca in a large salad bowl. Toss together. Add the dressing and toss again to evenly distribute the dressing. Set aside and refrigerate. Cut 1 inch off the stems of the watercress before unwrappig the bunches. Wash and dry the watercress and tear it into smaller pieces.

To serve, divide the watercress evenly among 6 salad plates. Top each bed of watercress with the Waldorf salad. Serve chilled. Serves 6.

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September 6

Dallas Chocolate Festival VIP Reception F.I.G

September 17

Italian Wine Dinner Amici Carrollton

September 20

Harvest North Texas Food Bank Dallas Arboretum

September 26

FoodiePalooza Boys & Girls Club Filter Bldg

October 26

Park & Palate Klyde Warren Park

November 2

Zoo To Do Dallas Zoo

MOZZARELLA COMPANY CLASSES

CHEESEMAKING

September 7 & 21 October 5 & 12 November 9 & 23

WINE & CHEESE

September 4 November 7

BEER & CHEESE

October 3

CIDER & CHEESE

September 24