Brie Cheese Soup

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Yield: 1 1/2 quarts

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
6 cups chicken stock (preferably homemade)
12 ounces Brie cheese, room temperature with rind removed
6 tablespoons white wine
1/4 cup julienne-cut carrots
1/4 cup julienne-cut celery
1/4 cup mushrooms, thinly sliced
1/4 cup heavy cream salt (to taste)
freshly ground pepper (to taste)
fresh chived or green onions (for garnish), chopped

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In a heavy saucepan over low heat, melt the butter. Add the flour and mix well. Cook until the mixture just starts to turn golden. Add the stock and whisk vigorously.

Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer. Skim the butter and flour and other impurities that rise to the surface. Continue to simmer until the sauce is reduced by one-third and has the consistency of heavy cream. Strain the sauce through a fine sieve.

Cut the Brie into small chunks. Return the sauce to the saucepan and add the Brie. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally, until the cheese has melted. Add the wine and vegetables. Simmer lightly until the vegetables are all dente.

Heat the cream in a small pan and add it to the soup. Season the soup with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, garnished with chives or green onions.

The flavor of this soup can vary depending on the degree of ripeness of the cheese. Ripening can be encouraged by allowing the Brie to sit at room temperature for three to nine hours, depending on personal preference.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 790 Calories; 68g Fat (82.6% calories from fat); 5g Protein; 27g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 206mg Cholesterol; 496mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 1/2 Grain(Starch); 0 Vegetable; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 13 1/2 Fat.

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% Calories from Fat:	82.6%	Vitamin B12 (mcg):	.2mcg
% Calories from Carbohydrates:	14.5%	Thiamin B1 (mg):	.3mg
% Calories from Protein:	2.9%	Riboflavin B2 (mg):	.3mg
Total Fat (g):	68g	Folacin (mcg):	16mcg
Saturated Fat (g):	42g	Niacin (mg):	3mg
Monounsaturated Fat (g):	20g	Caffeine (mg):	0mg
Polyunsaturated Fat (g):	3g	Alcohol (kcal):	60 n n%
Cholesterol (mg):	206mg		
Carbohydrate (g):	27g	Food Exchanges	
Dietary Fiber (g):	1g	Grain (Starch):	1 1/2
Protein (g):	5g	Lean Meat:	0
Sodium (mg):	496mg	Vegetable:	0
Potassium (mg):	229mg	Fruit:	0
Calcium (mg):	66mg	Non-Fat Milk:	0
Iron (mg):	2mg	Fat:	13 1/2
Zinc (mg):	1mg	Other Carbohydrates:	0
Vitamin C (mg):	1mg	•	
Vitamin A (i.u.):	2609IU		
Vitamin A (r.e.):	679 1/2RE		

Nutrition Facts

Amount Per Serving			
Calories 790	Calories from Fat: 653		
	% Daily Values*		
Total Fat 68g	105%		
Saturated Fat 42g	212%		
Cholesterol 206mg	69%		
Sodium 496mg	21%		
Total Carbohydrates 27g	9%		
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%		
Protein 5g			
Vitamin A	52%		
Vitamin C	2%		
Calcium	7%		
Iron	11%_		

^{*} Percent Daily Values are based on a 2000 calorie diet.