Mini Cherry Cheesecakes



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Makes about 36

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 25 minutes

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- __36 Vanilla Wafers
- __2 8oz Packages of Cream Cheese, softened
- at room temperature
- __3 Tbsp of Sour Cream
- __Zest of 1 Small Lemon 34 cup of Granulated Sugar
- __1 tsp of Vanilla Bean Paste (or vanilla
- extract)
 __2 Eggs
- __1 Tbsp of All Purpose Flour
- ___1/4 cup of Melted Unsalted Butter
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For the Cherry Compote:

- __2 ½ cups of Fresh Pitted Cherries
- __1/3 cup of Granulated Sugar
- __2 Tbsp of Corn Starch
- __1 Tbsp of Lemon Juice

- 1) Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Spray a couple of mini muffin tins with non-stick spray and and place a vanilla wafer in the bottom of each one (flat side down)and brush a little melted butter on top of each one.
- 2) In a food processor or standing mixer, add the cream cheese, sour cream and sugar and give it a wiz to combine.



- 3) Add the eggs, lemon zest, vanilla bean paste, flour and salt, blend it all up until it's nice and creamy (no lumps allowed.
- 4) Divide the batter in the muffin cups and bake them for about 10 to 12 minutes or until the edges look set and the middle is just slightly jiggly.
- 5) Cool at room temperature, pop them in the fridge to cool completely for at least 4 hours.
- 6) To make the compote, in a large saucepan, add the cherries, lemon juice and sugar, cover the pan and cook them on medium heat for about 10 minutes or until the cherries release their juice.
- 7) Add some of the juice in a small bowl and mix it with the corn starch, add it back into the saucepan, cook the mixture for 3 to 4 minutes or until it thickens.