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## **Hollandaise Sauce**

Traditionally used over poached eggs and ham for Eggs Benedict.

## **Ingredients**

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted (1 stick)
- Pinch cayenne
- Pinch salt

## **Directions**

- 1. Vigorously whisk the egg yolks and lemon juice together in a stainless steel bowl until the mixture is thickened and doubled in volume.
- 2. Place the bowl over a saucepan containing barely simmering water (or use a double boiler,) the water should not touch the bottom of the bowl.
- 3. Continue to whisk rapidly. Be careful not to let the eggs get too hot or they will scramble.
- 4. Slowly drizzle in the melted butter and continue to whisk until the sauce is thickened and doubled in volume.
- 5. Remove from heat, whisk in cayenne and salt. Cover and place in a warm spot until ready to use for the eggs benedict.
- 6. If the sauce gets too thick, whisk in a few drops of warm water before serving.

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