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THE PERFECT PURÉE OF NAPA VALLEY RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW FLAVOR — GINGER SOUR

Ginger Sour Adds Zing to Cocktails, Desserts and Dishes

NAPA, CA (January 4, 2017) — The Perfect Purée of Napa Valley introduces Ginger Sour, expanding its product line of purees and specialties to 41 premium flavors for culinary, pastry and beverage applications.

Ginger Sour is a delectable blend of ginger, key lime and lemon juices and delivers the perfect balance of warm ginger notes and vibrant citrus tartness. Chefs and beverage professionals can order through foodservice distribution beginning in January (packed 6/28 oz. jars per case). Home enthusiasts can purchase through Amazon and The SRP is \$25 per jar plus overnight shipping.

"Ginger is a complex and beloved flavor to many chefs and bartenders," says Michele Lex, President and Chief Marketing Officer. "With the addition of citrus notes, our Ginger Sour lends itself well to a variety of creative options for our foodservice audience."

Nationally recognized chefs and bartenders have created an array of recipes featuring Ginger Sour to spice up the New Year. Some recipe examples follow:

Independent Ginger Jonathan Pogash, The Cocktail Guru

1 ½ oz. gin, rum or vodka (optional)

1 oz. The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend, thawed

½ oz. The Perfect Purée Blood Orange Concentrate, thawed

½ oz. ruby red grapefruit juice (unsweetened)

2 oz. lime-flavored seltzer

orange slice and candied ginger (garnish)

Add all ingredients except garnish to a rocks glass with ice and roll back and forth. Garnish with an orange slice and candied ginger.

Napacillin

Fernanda Rossano

Bar Manager, High & Tight Barbershop, Deep Ellum, Dallas

1 ½ oz. Monkey Shoulder

Laphroaig scotch whiskey (mist)

1 ½ oz. The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend

½ oz. lemon juice

½ oz. honey syrup

soda (to top)

candied ginger (garnish)

Shake all ingredients except the Laphroaig, soda, and garnish. Pour into a Collins glass, top with soda. Mist with Laphroaig, then garnish with candied ginger.

Nuevo Coquito

Mimi Burnham, Porchlight New York & Brand Ambassador

½ oz. Plantation 3 Stars Rum

½ oz. Becherovka Liqueur

½ oz. Crème de Cacao

4 dashes Allspice Dram

1/4 oz. Amaro Lucano

½ oz. The Perfect Purée Coconut Puree, thawed & coconut milk mix*

Freshly grated nutmeg & orange twist (garnish)

Shake all ingredients except Amaro Lucano and garnish in a shaker tin and strain into a rocks glass. Add pebble ice. Top with a float of Amaro Lucano. Garnish with freshly grated nutmeg and an orange twist.

*To create the coconut mix: Add 30 oz. The Perfect Purée Coconut Puree, thawed to 12 ½ oz. coconut milk (Thailand). Whisk to thoroughly combine and pour into squeeze bottles that are labeled and dated. Shelf life, properly chilled, is two weeks.

Ginger Sour Ganache

The Perfect Purée of Napa Valley

Yield: 60 to 75 chocolates, depending on mold

150 g. The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend, at room temperature

450 g. milk chocolate chips or finely chopped chocolate

15 g. butter at room temperature

1 pinch of salt

- 1. Place milk chocolate in a plastic bowl (a glass bowl will retain heat, and may cause chocolate to burn).
- 2. Microwave chocolate for a short amount of time, approximately 45 seconds.
- 3 Pour Ginger Sour into chocolate and allow to set for about 10 seconds.
- 4. Place bowl into microwave again for about 10 seconds.
- 5. Remove from microwave and allow to rest another 15 seconds so that the heat in the mixture can distribute.
- 6. Begin to stir slowly from the middle of the bowl with a wire whisk, using small circles and slowly graduating to larger circles, until the entire bowl has been blended. If you find the mixture is not melted enough, you can return the mixture to the microwave for another 5 to 10 seconds.
- 7. Add the butter and salt to the chocolate and stir until well blended.
- 8. Pour mixture into a pastry bag and use it to fill chocolates.
- 9. We recommend using milk chocolate for the shell, allowing the Ginger Sour flavor to shine in the finished product.

Serving Suggestion:

Use as a filling for molded milk, dark or white chocolates or as a frosting.

Quick & Easy Tom Kha Gai Soup Chef Dave Martin

Yield: about 48 oz. of soup

1/2 cup The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend, thawed

1-2 tbsp. neutral oil (canola, vegetable or corn oil)

1 lb. free range chicken thighs, boneless and cut into 1/2 inch cubes

kosher salt

ground black pepper

1 can (13.5 oz.) coconut milk

14 oz. quality chicken broth or stock

1 cup straw mushrooms, drained

1 tbsp. fish sauce

1 tbsp. sriracha or sambal oelek

2 tbsp. fresh basil leaves, chiffonade

2 tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped

- 1. Remove any skin from the chicken thighs and season all the cubes with kosher salt and black pepper.
- 2. In a medium saucepan with neutral oil over medium-high heat, add cubes of seasoned chicken thighs. Cook for about 3-5 minutes until opaque and then deglaze with coconut milk, chicken stock and ginger sour and stir together.
- 3. Add straw mushrooms, fish sauce and sriracha or sambal oelek. Reduce heat and simmer for about 5-10 minutes more.
- 4. Add basil and cilantro to the soup and stir or use them to garnish. Adjust seasoning as needed.

Tangy Ginger Watercress Salad Jenn Marr, Brand Ambassador

Yields: 4 servings

Salad dressing ingredients:

3 tbsp. The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend, thawed

2 tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp. sesame oil

squeeze of lime

salt and pepper, to taste

Salad ingredients:

1 large bunch watercress trimmed and washed

10 cherry tomatoes, halved

½ Japanese cucumber or equivalent

½ stalk hearts of palm, quartered

1/4 red onion, sliced

½ sweet red pepper, diced

Combine all salad ingredients into a bowl and toss, add desired amount of dressing.

Perfect Ginger Beer Manny Hinojosa, Mixologist

12 oz. The Perfect Purée Ginger Sour blend, thawed
10 oz. water
1 pinch of salt
1 pinch of Cajun pepper powder
3 oz. fresh lime juice

In empty soda siphon, combine all the ingredients, close soda siphon tightly. Shake and charge with two cartridges of CO₂. Shake again and ginger beer will be ready to use.

To request samples, please go to <u>perfectpuree.com/samplegingersour.</u>

About The Perfect Purée of Napa Valley

Since 1988, The Perfect Purée of Napa Valley has indulged the culinary passions of chefs, mixologists and food enthusiasts with products that provide ultimate fresh fruit flavor without the peeling, dicing and simmering required for making purées from scratch.

The company's line-up of fruit purées and specialties features more than 41 premium flavors, ranging from pantry staples such as raspberry, strawberry and banana to the exotic lychee, passion fruit and pink guava. All products contain no artificial additives, preservatives or sweeteners. The fruits are harvested at the peak of season, puréed and packed frozen to maintain optimal freshness, flavor and color no matter the season. As the leading U.S. producer of premium fruit purées, The Perfect Purée of Napa Valley is revered in restaurants, hotels, bars, bakeries and catering kitchens for the just-picked taste and unmatched consistency of its products.

All flavors can be frozen for up to 24 months from date of manufacture. When thawed, the purees and specialties last 7-10 days in the refrigerator, and blends for 21 days.

For more information, please visit www.perfectpuree.com.

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