

Simple Buttered Polenta di Riso

Yield

About 4 cups

Time

15 to 20 minutes

Equipment Mise en Place

For this recipe, you will need a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan (preferably one with flared sides), a wooden spoon, and a whisk.

Ingredients

- 1 cup (7 ounces) Anson Mills Carolina Gold Polenta di Riso
- 4 cups spring or filtered water
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons finely grated Parmesan Reggiano (optional)

Directions

Place the polenta and water in a heavy-bottomed medium saucepan (preferably one with flared sides) and stir to combine. Set the pan over medium-high heat and bring to a simmer, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the first starch takes hold, 5 to 8 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and cook, stirring frequently, until the grains are soft and hold their shape on a spoon, 10 to 15 minutes. Whisk in the salt, pepper, butter, and Parmesan, if using. Serve hot. (To keep the polenta hot for up to 30 minutes before serving, transfer it to a bowl, cover, and set the bowl over a saucepan of barely simmering water. If necessary, thin the polenta with hot water before serving.)