

fume Bistro & Bar Black Pepper & Fennel Rubbed Flat Iron Steak with Arugula paired with Downing Family Vineyards 2002 Zinfandel - Winemaker Randy Mason

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Ingredients:

Vinaigrette:

1 c extra-virgin olive oil 1T chopped thyme ½ c balsamic vinegar 1 tsp chopped garlic

Rub:

Freshly ground black pepper 3 tsp. fennel seeds 1 tsp. black peppercorns Kosher salt 1# baby arugula 3 T lemon juice (fresh squeezed) 6 – 7 8 oz. flat iron steaks

Preparation: (Serves 6)

- 1. Combine balsamic vinegar, garlic and thyme in a small bowl and slowly whisk in olive oil. Taste, and adjust salt and pepper to taste.
- 2. Toast fennel seeds and black peppercorns in a sauté pan over medium heat. Grind in coffee grinder until finely ground.
- 3. Generously salt the steaks and rub both sides with the fennel/black pepper mixture. Grill over high heat 3-4 min. per side for medium rare. Let the steaks rest 4-5 minutes. Slice each steak into 5-6 pieces and transfer onto a platter.
- 4. Toss the baby arugula with lemon juice and a pinch of salt. Mound arugula in the middle of a plate, place sliced steak on top and spoon vinaigrette over the steak.