Salt and Pepper Quail

Ingredients:

4 x butterflied quail (halved) 2 cups water ½ cup shaoxing wine 5 slices ginger 1 stalk green shallot 3 cloves garlic flattened 2 star anise 2 pinches Chinese 5 spice ½ cup light soy sauce

Method:

rice flour oil for frying

Salt and pepper spice mix: 3 tbsp Sichuan peppercorns 1 tsp Chinese 5 spice ½ tsp garlic powder 5 tbsp salt

Combine the water, wine, ginger, shallot, garlic, star anise, 5 spice and soy together in a bowl. Mix together, then marinade the quail for approx. 2 hours. For the salt, fry all the ingredients together in a wok (no oil) and grind in a mortar and pestle and keep aside. Remove from marinade and dust quail in rice flour. Shallow fry for approx. 4-6 minutes. Remove from oil and drain on absorbent paper, sprinkle with salt mix and serve.



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