

One-Pot Braised Chard with Peas, Gnocchi and Leeks

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Ingredients:

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 leeks, white and light green parts, sliced thinly into half-moons
1 pound chard, preferably rainbow or red (about 2 bunches), stems thinly sliced and leaves coarsely chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced or finely grated
2 teaspoons chopped thyme leaves
Kosher salt and black pepper
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dry white wine
3 cups vegetable or chicken stock
1 pound potato gnocchi (fresh, frozen or shelf-stable all work)
2 cups peas, fresh or frozen
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon leaves
1 cup torn parsley leaves and tender stems, for serving
Grated Parmesan, for serving
Lemon wedges, for serving
Fresh ricotta, for serving (optional)
Red-pepper flakes, for serving (optional)

Directions:

Step 1: In a large Dutch oven, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add leeks and chard stems, and cook until tender and lightly brown, 7 to 10 minutes.

Step 2: Stir in garlic, thyme and a large pinch of salt and black pepper, and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute longer. Add wine, scraping up the brown bits at the bottom of the pot, and let the wine reduce by half, 2 to 4 minutes. Pour in stock and $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt, and bring to a simmer.

Step 3: Stir in gnocchi and chard leaves. Cook, partly covered, for 15 minutes until the chard is soft. Add peas and tarragon and continue to cook until gnocchi are cooked through, another 5 to 10 minutes. Taste and add more salt, if needed.

Step 4: To serve, top with parsley, a generous shower of Parmesan and a big squeeze of lemon. If you like, you can also add a dollop of ricotta and some red-pepper flakes.