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BACKGROUND – HOW IT ALL BEGAN

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A collection of some of my favorite recipes



Finally... after all these years, I'm actually organizing some of the hundreds of recipes I've put together over the last 50 years. Back then, the Internet was in the infancy stage (thanks to Al Gore!), and cookbooks were actual books. But this isn't really a cookbook, it's a collection of a few recipes covering all kinds of foods and all kinds of styles.



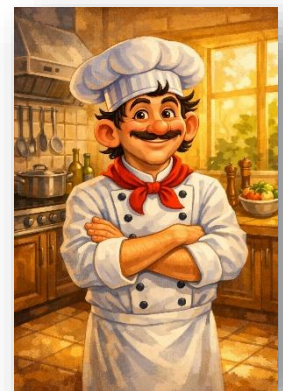
It's not going to have a bunch of sexy pictures, because you and I both know that when we make it, it never looks as good. We all know how hard it is to get recipes to turn out as we had hoped. My ex-wife Madeleine was an absolute rock star when it came to baking... all kinds of things like cookies, cakes, pies, and more. What she was to baking, I was to cooking!



So, as a single Dad having the kids every other weekend and week-long visits a couple of times a year, I had to start thinking of recipes that would be kid-friendly, and not serving overly processed foods and take out orders. I soon found out that there really weren't too many choices, so I had to get creative. I also wanted to have the kids get involved in the kitchen, something not usually in practice when I was a mere child! And how they took to the art of cooking very quickly. We had a lot of fun, not only preparing different dishes, but even going to the grocery store. Picking them up for my weekends, the first question would be: "What does everybody want to eat this weekend?"

So, by this time (nearly 33 years ago!) being a nerd, and having started creating websites for friends, I decided to create one that would have not only my collection of recipes, but also new ones named after the recipes each of my kids liked making. There were sections for a bunch of pictures, online games, humor, Op/Ed (yes, there had to be some politics involved!), and even a "wine cellar" that had interesting pointers for pairing the perfect wine with the food choice.

Join me, and my good friend Chef Alfred Dente (but everybody calls him *Al Dente*), as we reminisce on things past, and plan new meals that cover everything from all corners of the globe. And if you have some comments, or perhaps some recipes of your own that you would like to share, let me know at: Chef@FunNatta.com



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