Pumpkin Spice Truffles

PREP TIME: 35 minutes CHILL TIME: 2 hours 30 minutes

COOK TIME: 10 minutes

FOR THE GANACHE:

1/2 cup heavy cream
1 T <u>Pumpkin Spice Truffles</u> tea leaves
8 oz white chocolate, finely chopped
2 T unsalted butter, room temperature

1/4 C pumpkin puree

1/2 t ground cinnamon 1/4 t ground nutmeg 1/4 t ground ginger

1 Thoney (optional, for sweetness)

FOR COATING:

8 oz dark chocolate (70% cocoa), finely chopped

1 T vegetable oil (optional, for a smoother coating)

Pumpkin Pie Spice (optional, garnish)

INFUSE THE CREAM:

1. In a small saucepan, heat the heavy cream until it just begins to simmer. Remove from heat.

- 2. Add the Pumpkin Spice Truffles tea leaves to the cream. Cover and steep for 10 minutes.
- 3. Strain the cream through a fine mesh sieve to remove the tea leaves, pressing down to extract as much flavor as possible.

MAKE THE GANACHE:

- 1. Place the finely chopped white chocolate in a heatproof bowl.
- 2. Reheat the infused cream until it's hot but not boiling, then pour it over the chopped white chocolate. Let it sit for a minute to melt the chocolate.
- 3. Stir the mixture gently until smooth and fully combined.
- 4. Add the unsalted butter, pumpkin puree, ground cinnamon, ground nutmeg, ground ginger, and honey (if using). Stir until the mixture is smooth and well combined.

CHILL THE GANACHE:

1. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, or until the ganache is firm enough to scoop.

FORM THE TRUFFLES:

- 1. Using a small spoon or melon baller, scoop out small portions of the ganache and roll them into balls between your palms. Place them on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
- 2. Freeze the ganache balls for about 15 minutes to make them easier to coat with chocolate.

COAT WITH CHOCOLATE:

- 1. Melt the dark chocolate in a heatproof bowl set over a pot of simmering water (double boiler method). Stir until smooth. If using, add the vegetable oil for a smoother coating.
- 2. Dip each ganache ball into the melted chocolate, using a fork to fully coat. Let any excess chocolate drip off before placing the coated truffle back on the parchment-lined baking sheet.

SET THE TRUFFLES:

1. Refrigerate the truffles for about 30 minutes to set the chocolate.