Jilly's Almost Famous Stuffing

Ingredients

½ cup (125 mL) vegan butter

1/4 cup (60 mL) extra-virgin olive oil

2 cups (500 mL) finely chopped celery (3 to 4 stalks)

1½ cups (375 mL) finely chopped yellow onions (1 medium onion)

4 cloves garlic, crushed

1 pound (450 g) finely chopped white and/or brown mushrooms (about 4 cups/1 L)

2 tablespoons (30 mL) chopped fresh sage

2 teaspoons (10 mL) fresh thyme leaves

1 Granny Smith apple, unpeeled and finely diced

1/4 cup (60 mL) white wine (we use chardonnay)

4 teaspoons (20 mL) poultry seasoning

½ teaspoon (2 mL) salt

½ teaspoon (2 mL) pepper 1 to ½ cups (250 to 375 mL) vegetable stock

1 loaf day-old white bread, roughly cut into 1-inch (2.5 cm) cubes

Method

- **1.** Preheat the oven to 350°F (180°C). Grease a 10-inch (25 cm) round or $10\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (2.3 L) rectangular baking dish.
- 2. Heat the vegan butter and olive oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the celery and onions and cook until soft and fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- **3.** Add the garlic, mushrooms, sage, and thyme and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are soft, 8 to 10 minutes.
- **4.** Stir in the apple, white wine, poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until the apple slightly softens. Add 1 cup (250 mL) of the vegetable stock, stir, and cook for another 3 minutes.
- **5.** Place the bread cubes in a large bowl. Pour the mushroom mixture over the bread and lightly toss with a rubber spatula to combine. Drizzle with additional stock if you prefer a moister stuffing, and season with additional poultry seasoning, salt, and pepper, if desired.
- **6.** Spread the stuffing evenly in the prepared baking dish and bake until heated through, about 30 minutes. Serve immediately.