

Makes: 2 servings

Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 35 minutes

Total Time: 45 minutes

## Ingredients

- 2 (10-ounce) filet mignon
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp fleur de sel
- 1 tbsp coarsely cracked black peppercorns
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, at room temperature, optional

## Roquefort Chive Sauce:

- 1 & 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 2 ounces French Roquefort cheese, crumbled (4 ounces with rind)
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh chives

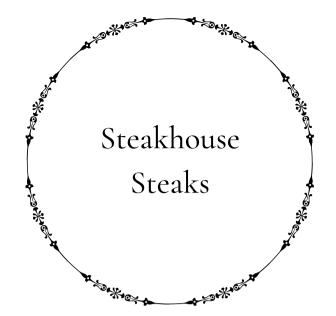
## Instructions

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Heat a large, well-seasoned cast iron skillet over high heat until very hot, 5 to 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, pat the steaks dry with a paper towel and brush them lightly with vegetable oil. Combine the fleur de sel and cracked pepper on a plate and roll the steaks in the mixture, pressing lightly to evenly coat all sides.

When the skillet is ready, add the steaks and sear them evenly on all sides for about 2 minutes per side, for a total of 10 minutes.

Top each steak with a tablespoon of butter, if using, and place the skillet in the oven. Cook the steaks until they reach 120°F for rare or 125°F for medium-rare on an instant-read thermometer. (To test the steaks, insert the thermometer sideways to be sure you're actually testing the middle of the



steak.)

Remove the steaks to a serving platter, cover tightly with aluminum foil and allow to rest at room temperature for 10 minutes. Serve hot with Roquefort Chive Sauce on the side.

## Roquefort Chive Sauce:

Bring the heavy cream to a boil in a small heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook at a low boil, stirring occasionally, until the mixture has become thick and creamy, about 20 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, add the cheese, salt, pepper and chives and whisk rapidly until the cheese melts.

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