

Halibut parchment packets with coconut-almond rice

Renée Davis, SEATTLE SERVES 4 | 45 MINUTES

Renée created this recipe with her favorite fish, opah, when visiting Hawaii, but she also makes it with halibut, which is easier to find.

3/4 tsp. red curry paste*
3/4 cup canned coconut milk
3 tbsp. slivered almonds
1/2 cup basmati rice
3 tbsp. unsweetened
flaked coconut
3/4 tsp. kosher salt, divided
4 halibut fillets (6 oz. each)

1/4 tsp. pepper
3/4 lb. asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-in. pieces on the diagonal
1/4 lb. sugar snap peas
1/4 cup cilantro leaves

Lime wedges

- Preheat oven to 400°. In a small bowl, whisk curry paste, gradually adding coconut milk. Transfer ½ cup sauce to another bowl; set bowls aside.
- 2. Toast almonds in a small saucepan over medium heat until golden, 3 minutes. Stir in rice, reserved ½ cup sauce, ½ cup water, the coconut, and ½ tsp. salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, until rice is tender, 16 to 18 minutes.
- 3. Season halibut with remaining 1/4 tsp. salt and the pepper while rice cooks. Cut 4 pieces of parchment, each 12 by 14 in. Set a fillet in center of each, then mound asparagus and peas on top (some may roll off). For each packet, bring 2 opposite sides of parchment up over ingredients and fold several times to seal. Bring other sides up and fold to seal. Place packets, folded sides up, on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until fish is just opaque (poke with a sharp knife to check), 10 to 15 minutes.
- 4. Microwave remaining ¼ cup sauce to warm. Divide rice among 4 plates and top each with fish and vegetables from a packet, discarding extra liquid. Drizzle sauce over dishes and sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with lime wedges.
- *Find in grocery stores' Asian-foods aisle.

PER SERVING 600 CAL., 60% (357 CAL.) FROM FAT; 32 G PROTEIN; 40 G FAT (15 G SAT.); 31 G CARBO (3.5 G FIBER); 579 MG SODIUM; 84 MG CHOL. ■

