



# Chocolate Cupcakes with Meringue

## **Ingredients**

For 12 cupcakes

#### For the cupcakes:

120 g butter (at room temperature)
75 g raw brown sugar
2 eggs (at room temperature)
80 ml milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
50 ml fresh espresso coffee
40 g unsweetened cocoa powder
95 g all-purpose flour
0,5 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
60 g + 12 single pieces VIVANI 71 % Cocoa

### For the meringue:

2 egg whites (at room temperature)85 g white sugar1 pinch of saltfew drops of lemon juice

#### **Furthermore:**

a kitchen torch

## Making

01 Preheat the oven at 175 ° C.

**02** In a bowl, using a hand mixer, whisk butter and brown sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs and beat until combined.

03 Pour in coffee, vanilla, milk and melted 60 g chocolate and stir with a spatula.

**04** Add cocoa powder, salt, flour, baking powder and stir again with a spatula (but do not overmix). Add the 12 chocolate pieces and stir.

**05** Line a muffin tin with cupcake liners. Fill each cupcake liner 3/4 full (use an ice cream scoop). Make sure, that there's one piece of chocolate in each cupcake.

**06** Bake for 25 minutes until the cupcakes are fully cooked (test with a toothpick). Let them cool down completely.

**07** For the meringue bring some water to a boil and turn off the heat.

- **08** Pour the egg whites into a clean bowl, add the sugar, a pinch of salt and some drops of lemon juice, then place the bowl onto the pot full of hot water.
- 09 Immediately start beating the egg whites until fluffy, thick and glossy.
- **10** Decorate the cupcakes with the meringue and use a kitchen torch to brown them. Attention: do not burn the paper cupcake liners.