

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

# NYE CUCUMBER SERRANO MOCKTAIL

## FOR CUCUMBER SERRANO MOCKTAIL:

3 oz club soda

4-5 slices of muddled cucumber

4-5 candied serranos (prepared from the recipe below

1 oz fresh lime juice

1 oz Cucumber Serrano simple syrup (prepared from the recipe below)

Top with fresh mint



1 cup Serrano peppers, thinly sliced

1 cup water

1 cup white sugar

½ teaspoon LorAnn Cucumber Serrano Super-Strength



#### **DIRECTIONS:**

#### FOR MOCKTAIL:

- 1. Wash and dry the serrano peppers. Thinly slice the peppers, removing the seeds if you prefer a milder heat.
- 2. In a small pot, combine 1 cup of water and 1 cup of white sugar.
- 3. Add 1/8 teaspoon of Cucumber Serrano Super-Strength for enhanced flavor.
- 4. Bring the mixture to a boil, stirring until the sugar dissolves completely.
- 5. Once the sugar syrup is ready, reduce the heat to a simmer and carefully add the sliced serranos to the syrup.
- 6. Let them simmer for 4-6 minutes or until the peppers become slightly translucent. Stir occasionally to ensure all slices are evenly coated with the syrup.
- 7. Using a fork or tongs, remove the candied serranos from the syrup and place them on a wire rack. Allow them to cool and air dry. The syrup will harden, creating a delicious, candied coating. You can also leave them in the syrup and store them together.

#### **ASSEMBLY:**

1. In a glass, muddle slices of cucumber and candied serranos.

- 2. To the glass, add fresh lime juice, Cucumber Serrano simple syrup, and loz club soda.
- 3. Shake the ingredients with ice until well combined.

### TO SERVE:

- 1. Strain the mixture into a rock glass filled with crushed ice and top with extra club soda
- 2. Garnish with a rolled cucumber slice and fresh mint.
- 3. Sip and savor the unique blend of flavors in this Virgin Cucumber Serrano Gimlet. Cheers to a refreshing mocktail experience!

Pro Tip: Adjust the sweetness and spiciness according to your taste preferences.