Dinner Parties for Six

Menu 1

Arugula and fennel salad with shaved parmesan Herb-crusted rack of lamb with fresh mint relish Wild rice pilaf with 'confetti' vegetables Crème brulee

Menu 2

Winter greens minestrone
Pan-seared pork chop with mushrooms and Marsala
Creamy parmesan polenta
Upside-down caramelized apple tart with vanilla bean ice cream

Menu 3 (vegetarian)

Mixed greens with shallot-sherry vinaigrette Tuscan bean soup Wild mushroom risotto Sautéed broccoli rabe with garlic Tiramisu

Menu 4

Fennel and frisée salad with oranges and dried cranberries Pan-roasted salmon with red wine, red onion butter & thyme Potato and celeriac puree Asparagus tips or haricots verts Chocolate pots de crème

Menu 5

Haricots verts with creamy balsamic vinaigrette, frisée & tomatoes Roast Cornish game hens with vinegar and tarragon jus Roasted garlic mashed potatoes Chocolate pots de crème

Menu 6

Vegetable samosas with mint and cilantro dip Spiced cauliflower with ginger Chicken tikka masala (or mixed vegetable curry) Basmati rice pilaf with saffron Tiramisu

Menu 7

Mixed greens with Dijon mustard vinaigrette
Braised lamb shanks with red wine and fresh herbs
White bean gratin
Garlicky braised kale
Upside-down caramelized pear tart with whipped cream

Menu 8

Leek and watercress soup
Roasted pork loin with apples and brandied pan jus with thyme
Whipped sweet potatoes
Haricots verts with shallots
Bittersweet chocolate truffle cake with vanilla bean ice cream

Menu 9

Chickpea cakes with cucumber-yogurt & mixed greens
Provencal chicken stew with leeks, fennel, tomatoes & Pernod
Rouille with garlic toasts
French butter cake with fresh berries & lightly whipped cream