



SPANISH · BASQUE · DESSERT · DESSERT · TAPA DE POSTRE

Tarta de Queso Vasca - San Sebastián Burnt Cheesecake

Cream cheese + heavy cream + eggs + sugar + a whisper of flour, blended smooth, poured into a parchment-lined cake tin, and baked at 220°C until the top is nearly black and the center still wobbles aggressively. No crust. No water bath. No chilling before cutting. Slice warm; the center is flan-custard, the top is burnt-caramel-miso-umami, the edges are dense-cheesecake.

The single most-forgiving dessert in a Spanish kitchen + the one most-likely to earn audible reactions at a dinner party.

Protein Dairy (cream cheese + heavy cream + eggs)

Serves 10 - 12 portions from a 20 cm / 8-inch round

Difficulty Beginner

Active 15 min active

Total 15 min + 40 min bake + 2 h cool = 3 h to first service

THE STORY

The Dessert That Taught Spain How to Burn Sugar on Purpose

For 90 years the Western cheesecake tradition was: crust on the bottom, custard in the middle, water bath around the pan, low-and-slow bake, chill overnight, slice clean. The goal was always the same — no cracks, no browning, no 'mistakes'. Then in 1988 a bar in San Sebastián started serving an inverted version: no crust, no water bath, high heat, a deliberately burnt top, an under-set center, sliced warm. It was considered a

mistake by classical standards. Within 30 years it was on every restaurant dessert menu in Spain + many internationally. The technique is now known as *tarta de queso vasca* or 'burnt Basque cheesecake' or 'San Sebastián cheesecake' after the city.

What separates it from American cheesecake is **controlled over-baking**. The 220°C oven burns the surface sugars + milk solids, creating a near-black cap that tastes of burnt caramel + miso-umami + bitter-molasses. The high heat also rapidly sets the outer structure while leaving the center under-set — the wobble at removal is a feature, not a bug. As the cake cools, the center continues to set gently from the residual heat + from the structural work of the egg proteins, arriving at a final consistency that is custard-flan at the center + dense-cheesecake at the edges. One cake, three textures, one technique.

The pedagogical contribution of this recipe is teaching **high-heat inverted logic**. Most desserts are structured around moderate-temperature baking where the goal is even browning + complete structural set. Burnt Basque cheesecake intentionally does the opposite — aggressive heat that burns the top before the inside can set. Applied to other desserts: burnt-sugar flan (higher flan-bake), browned-butter madeleines (butter pushed past classical discipline), scorched-cream panna cotta. A technique family that exists entirely because one bar in San Sebastián decided to stop following the rules.

This is also the **single most-forgiving dessert in the Spanish kitchen**. It doesn't need a water bath. It doesn't need room-temperature ingredients. It doesn't need chilling overnight. It doesn't need a pastry-kitchen's precision. Every step is tolerant of minor mistakes. The oven + the 40 minutes do the work. Produce consistent results after three attempts. Earn reactions after the first.

Specs

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| <p>YIELD</p> <p>1 × 20 cm / 8-inch round · 10-12 portions</p> | <p>BAKE</p> <p>220 °C / 425 °F · convection if possible · 40 - 45 min</p> | <p>TARGET INTERNAL</p> <p>Top: near-black · Center: 70 - 73 °C internal · wobble when moved</p> | <p>RATIO</p> <p>Cream cheese 100% : heavy cream 50% : sugar 35% : eggs (4 large) : flour 5%</p> |
| <p>DIFFICULTY</p> <p>Beginner</p> <p>●○○○○</p> | <p>ACTIVE TIME</p> <p>15 min</p> | <p>COOL TIME</p> <p>Cool in tin 30 min · remove parchment + rest 90 min · serve warm OR cool + refrigerate</p> | <p>KEEPS</p> <p>3 days refrigerated · improves day 2</p> |
| <p>SERVE</p> <p>Warm (first-day) OR room-temperature (day 2-3) · never ice-cold</p> | <p>KEY RULE</p> <p>Pan must be overshoot-lined with parchment — the cake will rise 3-4 cm above the rim</p> | | |

What Changed & Why

Two variables: cream cheese quality + dairy fat content. Technique is identical across tiers. The ● Tier A (Everyday) uses Philadelphia cream cheese (the US standard; widely available; block form not whipped) + standard supermarket heavy cream (36% fat, Whole Foods or Publix) + standard large US eggs. Produces a restaurant-grade cheesecake indistinguishable from most Spanish restaurant servings. The ● Tier B (No-Limits) uses Vermont Creamery cream cheese (small-batch US artisan; tangier + more complex than Philadelphia) OR European-style quark-adjacent cream cheese + Kate's Cream (Maine, 40% fat) OR Echo Hill Farm cream + local-farm eggs from the Coconut Grove farmers market. The cream cheese difference is the meaningful lever; upgrade that before anything else. If you're going to invest in one ingredient, upgrade the cream cheese quality — the final cake's flavor-baseline comes primarily from there.

| CHANGE | ORIGINAL | UMAMI VERSION | WHY |
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| TECH | Water-bath bake at 150°C for 75 min until set; chill overnight | High-heat bake at 220°C for 40 min with visible wobble; cool 2 h at room temp | The water-bath + low-heat + overnight-chill is the classical American cheesecake method. It produces a fully-set, crack-free, dense cheesecake. The burnt Basque method inverts every variable: no water bath (direct heat for caramelization), high heat (burns top + preserves under-set center), short bake (wobble is required), room-temp cool (not refrigerated overnight; the cake is meant to be served warm or room-temp). The high-heat method is simpler + faster + produces a more distinctive result. |

| CHANGE | ORIGINAL | UMAMI VERSION | WHY |
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| TECH | Room-temperature cream cheese at start; beat with paddle to incorporate | Room-temperature OR cold cream cheese; blend in food processor until smooth + silky | The Thermomix TM6 (Pablo's kitchen) or standard food processor handles cold cream cheese with ease. The traditional room-temp + paddle-beat method can leave lumps if timing is off. Food-processor blending at speed 4-6 for 60-90 seconds produces a lump-free custard base in one step. Simpler + more consistent + faster. Classical US kitchens use stand mixers with paddle; Spanish kitchens increasingly use food processors or TM6. |
| ADD | — | 1 tbsp (10 g) all-purpose flour (AP) | The small amount of flour is the structural stabilizer. Without it, the cake sets as pure custard (too wet + slumping). With too much (more than 2 tbsp), the cake becomes bread-dense. 10 g is the calibrated amount — enough to provide structural integrity without introducing flour-flavor or texture. Trust the 1 tbsp; do not eyeball. |
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| CHANGE | ORIGINAL | UMAMI VERSION | WHY |
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| ADD | — | 1 tsp vanilla extract + pinch of Maldon flake salt in the batter | The pinch of salt (~1 g Maldon) in the batter produces a salted-caramel undertone that pairs with the burnt-top. Vanilla extract rounds the dairy flavor without dominating. Both are small additions that separate a restaurant-grade burnt cheesecake from a home-recipe burnt cheesecake. Always include both. |
| ELEV | Slice from fully-cooled (refrigerated) cake | Slice warm (served 30-60 min after removal from oven, still slightly warm) OR room-temp (day 2, reserved from fridge) | The Spanish tradition is to serve this cake WARM or at room temperature — never ice-cold. The warm serve showcases the custard-flan-like center + the slightly-crisped top. Cold serving (American tradition) mutes the burnt-top flavor + makes the center feel dense rather than silken. Always serve above 18°C. If you've refrigerated overnight, let rest at room temp 90 min before serving OR warm in a 100°C oven 10 minutes before slicing. |

| CHANGE | ORIGINAL | UMAMI VERSION | WHY |
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| SKIP | Water bath during bake | Direct oven heat, no water bath | The water bath is the classical US cheesecake technique for preventing the top from browning. Burnt Basque cheesecake specifically wants the top to burn — the water bath works against the desired outcome. Direct dry heat at 220°C produces the signature near-black cap. Skipping the water bath also eliminates the fussiest step of traditional cheesecake. |

What You Need

● Everyday

The Dairy

- 700 g (about 3 × 227 g bricks) **Philadelphia cream cheese** — at Whole Foods, Publix, any major supermarket. Block-form only; not whipped. Can be straight-from-fridge or room-temp; both work if using food processor.
- 350 g (~12 fl oz) **heavy cream (36% fat)** — **Organic Valley** or **Whole Foods 365 brand**; avoid ultra-pasteurized if possible (standard pasteurized has better mouthfeel).

The Eggs

- 4 **large eggs (approx 200 g total)** — Vital Farms or similar pasture-raised from grocery (see [sourcing/07-dairy-cheese](#)). Can be cold.

The Sugar + Flour + Salt + Vanilla

- 245 g **granulated white sugar** (1 cup + 2 tbsp)
- 10 g (1 tbsp) **all-purpose flour**
- 1 tsp **vanilla extract** (pure, not imitation)
- 1 pinch (~1 g) **Maldon flake salt**

For the Pan

- 2 large sheets of parchment paper (at least 30 × 30 cm each) — to line the 20 cm / 8-inch round cake pan with overhanging edges

No Limits

The Dairy (Tier B)

- 700 g **Vermont Creamery cream cheese** (small-batch artisan; Whole Foods) OR 500 g Philadelphia + 200 g **quark** (German-style fresh cheese; adds fresh-lactic brightness) OR 700 g **Fromage Blanc** (French fresh cheese, via Murray's Cheese) — the fresh-lactic register varies the finished flavor beautifully.
- 350 g **Kate's Cream** (Maine, 40% fat; Whole Foods specialty section) OR **Echo Hill Farm cream** (if Miami-local farmers market has it) — higher fat content produces a richer final texture.

The Eggs (Tier B)

- 4 **local-farm eggs** from **Coconut Grove farmers market Saturday** or **Paradise Farms Homestead**. Smaller shell-to-yolk ratio + richer yolk color. Flavor difference perceptible in a cake with 4 eggs.

The Sugar + Flour + Salt + Vanilla (Tier B)

- 245 g **Wholesome organic turbinado or demerara sugar** (fine grain; adds subtle molasses note) OR standard granulated if you want a cleaner flavor profile
- 10 g **King Arthur AP flour** (pantry default)
- 1 tsp **Heilala vanilla extract** (premium Madagascar-grown) OR 1/2 tsp **vanilla paste** for a slightly more floral note
- **Maldon flake salt** — pinch ~1 g

EQUIPMENT

Your Kit

- 20 cm / 8-inch round cake pan (not springform — solid-bottom preferred for this cake; 7-inch or 9-inch works with adjusted bake times \pm 5 min)
 - Parchment paper (2 large sheets)
 - Food processor (Thermomix TM6 ideal; Cuisinart or KitchenAid food processor fine)
 - Rubber spatula
 - Whisk
 - Kitchen scale (critical for dairy ratios)
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- Cooling rack

MISE EN PLACE

Before You Start

- Oven pre-heating to 220°C / 425°F with a rack in the middle position — start this 30 min before mixing (ovens take longer than they claim)

- Cake pan lined with parchment: crumple 2 large sheets of parchment into balls, unfold them (wrinkled is fine — it helps them fit) + press into the 20 cm pan with at least 3 cm overhang on all sides; trim any wildly excessive overhang

- Cream cheese weighed in food processor or mixing bowl

- Eggs in a small bowl

- Sugar + flour + salt weighed together

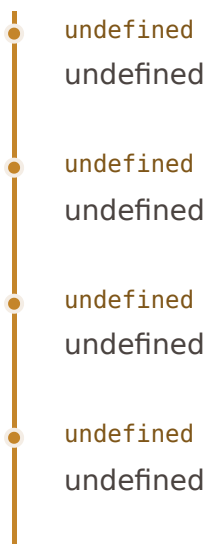
- Heavy cream measured

- Vanilla extract measured

- Cooling rack placed near oven for easy transfer

MAKE-AHEAD

Timeline



METHOD

The Cook

1 Phase 1 · Pan Prep — 5 minutes

1. Grab two large sheets of parchment paper (each approximately 30 × 30 cm).
2. Crumple each sheet into a tight ball. This is not optional — crumpling makes the parchment flexible enough to conform to the pan's corners.
3. Uncrumple each sheet. They should look wrinkled + textured.
4. Layer the two sheets in the cake pan, offset by 90 degrees so that all 4 sides have overhang. Press into the pan, covering bottom + sides, with at least 3 cm of parchment sticking up above the pan rim.
5. The parchment will look rustic + wrinkled. Good — that's the signature look of Basque cheesecake; the wrinkles transfer to the baked cake's surface as the signature rustic texture.



WHY THIS WORKS

The 3 cm parchment overhang is CRITICAL — the cake will rise 3-4 cm above the pan rim during the peak-heat phase + then collapse back down. Without overhang, the rising cake would escape the pan + fall onto the oven floor. The parchment wrinkles are intentional aesthetic — they give the cake its signature rustic, imperfect, hand-made look that separates it from the polished American cheesecake tradition.

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Phase 2 · Blend the Batter — 3 minutes

1. In the food processor (or Thermomix): add 700 g cream cheese. Process at medium speed 30 seconds. Stop; scrape down sides.
2. Add 245 g sugar + 10 g flour + 1 g salt. Process 30 more seconds.
3. Add 4 eggs one at a time, processing 5-10 seconds between each. The batter should look creamy + smooth + pale-yellow.
4. Add 350 g heavy cream + 1 tsp vanilla. Process 30 seconds final.
5. Scrape sides; process 10 more seconds. Batter should be silky-smooth + pourable + free of any lumps.
6. If lumps remain: process 30 more seconds. Do not over-process beyond that (air incorporation starts to matter).



WHY THIS WORKS

The food processor's blade action shears the cream cheese into a smooth emulsion with the cream. Sugar dissolves in the cold/cool liquid over the 90 seconds of blending. Adding eggs one-at-a-time prevents the batter from becoming too cold before the final cream addition. The small amount of flour binds excess moisture + provides structural support without creating a doughy texture.

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Phase 3 · Pour + Bake — 45 minutes

1. Pour the batter into the parchment-lined pan. Do NOT fill above the pan rim — the batter will rise during bake, so stay below the parchment overhang line (not below the pan rim).
2. Place pan in the pre-heated 220°C oven, center rack.
3. BAKE 40-45 MINUTES. Do not open oven door until 35 min minimum.
4. At 35 min: peek through oven window (no door open yet). Top should be turning dark-brown + starting to blister.
5. At 40 min: quick door-open check. Top should be dark-brown approaching near-black. Gently jiggle the pan: the center should wobble aggressively (like a set flan, not like water).
6. If center is still liquid-wobble (not flan-wobble), bake 3-5 more minutes + check again.
7. When top is near-black + center has flan-wobble (not water-wobble): REMOVE.
8. Transfer pan to cooling rack. Do NOT try to remove cake from pan yet.



WHY THIS WORKS

The 220°C high heat accomplishes two things: (1) It burns the surface sugars + milk solids via Maillard reaction — producing the near-black, caramelized top. (2) It sets the outer 2-3 cm of the cake quickly while the center remains under-set. The center will continue to set gently from residual heat over the 30-minute post-bake cool — this residual-cooking is what produces the silk-custard texture. 40-45 min is the calibrated window; longer cooks the center into a standard-cheesecake texture (which is NOT the goal).

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Phase 4 · Cool + Remove — 30 minutes

1. Place pan on cooling rack. Let cool 30 minutes in the pan, undisturbed.
2. During this 30 min, the cake will continue to set (residual heat), collapse slightly (loses 1-2 cm of height), + develop its final texture.
3. After 30 min: grab the parchment overhang + gently lift the cake out of the pan onto the cooling rack. The parchment stays with the cake.
4. Peel the parchment DOWN + AWAY from the sides of the cake only — leave the bottom parchment in place (serves as a transfer surface).
5. Let cool 60 more minutes at room temperature on the rack — total 90 min from bake-out.



WHY THIS WORKS

The in-pan cool allows the cake's structure to equilibrate — the hot outer edges slowly transfer heat to the cooler center. If you try to remove the cake while it's very hot, the parchment + cake can both tear. After 30 min in-pan, the cake has structural integrity to handle the transfer. The additional 60 min on the rack continues to set + cool to serving temperature.

5 Phase 5 · Serve — 2 minutes

1. At 90 min post-bake, the cake is at warm-room-temp — perfect serve temperature.
2. Use a serrated knife (or a long thin knife warmed under hot water + patted dry) to slice. Wipe the blade between slices.
3. Serve slices at warm-room-temp on simple white plates.
4. Accompaniments (optional): a dollop of lightly-whipped crema fresca (lightly sweetened) · a drizzle of good olive oil (a Spanish classical finish — sounds strange, works beautifully) · a pinch of Maldon flake salt on top · fresh berries (strawberries or raspberries) · a dessert wine.
5. Classical Basque serving style: naked — no accompaniments — on a plain plate. The cake speaks for itself.
6. Store leftovers in the fridge, wrapped. Day 2-3 cake is excellent; warm in a 100°C oven 10 min before serving if you prefer warm, or serve room-temp.



WHY THIS WORKS

Warm-room-temp service (18-24°C) showcases the cake's three textures — the crackly-burnt top, the dense-cheesecake edges, the silken-custard center. Cold service mutes all three; the top loses its bite, the edges feel dense-heavy, the center feels firm-dull. Always above 18°C at service.

QUICK REFERENCE

Timing Cheat Sheet

| STEP | TIME | CUE |
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| Pre-heat oven 220°C | T- 3 0 m | Full pre-heat + rack in middle |
| Line pan with crumpled parchment | T- 2 5 m | Two sheets offset 90° + 3 cm overhang |
| Blend batter in food processor | T- 1 0 m | 90 sec total; silky-smooth + lump-free |
| Pour into pan | T- 5 m | Below parchment overhang line |
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| STEP | TIME | CUE |
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| Bake 40-45 min | T- 0 to T+ 4 5 m | Do not open oven until 35 min |
| Check: near-black top + flan-wobble center | T+ 4 0 m | Jiggle check; wobble NOT liquid |
| Out of oven; cool 30 min in pan | T+ 4 5 to T+ 7 5 m | Undisturbed on cooling rack |
| Lift out of pan using parchment | T+ 7 5 m | Peel sides; leave bottom parchment |
| Cool 60 more min on rack | T+ 7 5 to T+ 1 3 5 m | Room temp; don't rush |
| Slice + serve warm-room- temp | T+ 1 3 5 m | Serrated or warmed thin knife; above 18°C |
| Day 2-3 storage | Day 2 - 3 | Fridge wrapped; warm 10 min at 100°C or room-temp before serving |

TROUBLESHOOTING

Emergency Protocols



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DEEP DIVES

Technique Notes

Universal: High-Heat Inverted Baking

DESSERT PEDAGOGY · BURNT-TOP FAMILY

Burnt Basque cheesecake is the prototype of high-heat inverted baking — a technique family that deliberately overshoots moderate-heat baking to produce a burnt/caramelized top + under-set center. Universal rule: 220-240°C dry heat + short bake time + under-set center at removal + residual-heat finish during cool. Applies to: burnt flan (traditional flan at 160°C; burnt flan at 220°C with same wobble-check), browned-butter madeleines (butter cooked past classical golden to walnut-brown before use), scorched-cream panna cotta (sour-cream forward panna cotta finished under a high broil), blackened-lemon-bar filling (bars finished at 240°C for the last 5 min). Once you understand the inverted logic, many desserts open up.

● **Universal: The Wobble Check**

CUSTARD SETTING · VISUAL CUE

For any egg-custard dessert where the final texture is 'set but silky' (not 'fully firm'), the wobble check is the reliable visual cue. The pan jiggle at the moment of oven-removal tells you: water-wobble = under-set, pull 3-5 min later; flan-wobble = correct, remove; solid = over-set, remove immediately + accept firmer texture. Applies to: Basque cheesecake (this recipe), flan, crème brûlée, pot de crème, cheesecake generally, quiche, savory custards. One technique, many applications. Learn to see the difference between water-wobble + flan-wobble + solid — it's the most important visual cue in custard-adjacent desserts.

● **Universal: Parchment Paper Is Not Precious**

PAN LINING · RESTAURANT DISCIPLINE

Classical pastry discipline insists on precisely-cut parchment squares + circles for pan lining. Burnt Basque cheesecake deliberately rejects that — crumpled, wrinkled, overhanging parchment is the signature aesthetic + the functional enabler of the dramatic rise + collapse. The wrinkles transfer to the cake's surface. The rustic look IS the style. This extends to other rustic desserts: tartines, galettes, rough-puff, focaccia — all benefit from parchment-as-workhorse rather than parchment-as-precision-surface. Classical pastry isn't wrong; rustic pastry isn't wrong; knowing which to use when is the restaurant-level skill.

● **Pantry Strategy: The Single-Dessert Dinner Party Solution**

DINNER PARTY · DESSERT DISCIPLINE

For a 6-8 guest dinner party, burnt Basque cheesecake is the single-most-leveraged dessert solution: 15 minutes of morning prep → 40-min bake → 2-h cool → ready for service 3 hours later. Flavor improves on day 2, so you can make it the day before. Texture is crowd-pleasing + contains no allergens beyond dairy + eggs. Serves 10-12 from a single 20 cm pan. No plating work beyond slicing. Pair with a dessert wine (Pedro Ximénez sherry, late-harvest Riesling, or ice wine) + no further preparation. This is the dinner-party dessert that earned its reputation through restaurant-kitchen efficiency, not just flavor.

● No Limits: The Olive-Oil Drizzle Finish

SPANISH MODERN · SAVORY-SWEET CROSSOVER

A Spanish restaurant-kitchen innovation: finish each slice of burnt Basque cheesecake with a small pool of good olive oil (~5 ml) + a pinch of Maldon flake salt. The olive-oil + salt amplifies the burnt-caramel top + adds a savory-sweet register that pushes the dessert into new territory. Use summit-tier EVOO for this (Rincón de la Subbética Arbequina or similar) — standard EVOO is fine but the summit version is perceptibly different. This technique is common in Miami-area modern Spanish restaurants + was pioneered by Catalan chefs in Barcelona + San Sebastián restaurants in the 2010s. A Saturday dinner-party flex.

● No Limits: The Alternate-Cheese Variant

BASQUE TRADITION · IDIAZÁBAL / MAHÓN / MANCHEGO VARIANT

Replace 200 g of the cream cheese with 200 g of a grated Spanish semi-hard cheese — Idiazábal (Basque smoked sheep's cheese) for a savory-smoke register, Mahón (Menorcan semi-soft cow's milk) for a buttery-funky register, or aged Manchego for a sheep's milk + aging note. Grate the cheese finely + add to the food processor with the cream cheese at Phase 2. The resulting cake is less-sweet, more-complex, distinctly Basque-forward. Pair with a honey drizzle + Maldon on the plate. Advanced variant — for a Saturday where the dessert is a showpiece. Tested at Idiazábal-based; Mahón works beautifully too; Manchego is less common but interesting.

PAIRING

What to Drink

🔥 Application · Dinner Party Dessert

Single 20 cm cake for 8 guests. Slice at table after main course is cleared. Plain white plates or sourdough-cheese-board-style rustic wood. Serve with gastrique de pomelo (Batch 2) drizzle for a modern Spanish flourish, or the classical way: naked.

The single most-forgiving dinner-party dessert. Makes a day ahead, serves warm the next day after a 10-min oven warm, plates in seconds. The gastrique de pomelo drizzle is a Pablo-kitchen flex — bright grapefruit + burnt-caramel is an unexpected Catalan-inspired pairing.

Application · Merienda — Spanish Afternoon Snack

Single slice at 17:00 with a cup of strong coffee or tea. Pablo-palate appropriate: add a small drizzle of honey + pinch of Maldon on the top of the slice.

The Spanish tradition of merienda (afternoon snack, 17:00-18:00) is traditionally a sweet with coffee. Burnt Basque cheesecake + strong coffee is the San Sebastián classical pairing.

Application · Weekend Brunch Finish

Small slice as a brunch-finish after tapas or savory brunch. Pair with a dessert wine or an Espresso martini.

Not all brunches need a sweet — but when they do, this is the leveraged option. Smaller-portion + warm-served = doesn't weigh down a brunch meal.

Application · Host Gift

Whole cake in a glass cake stand or parchment-wrapped on a wood board. Note with heating instructions (100°C oven, 10 min). Signature host gift.

Gives a complete dessert to a host without requiring them to prep anything. Elevated pantry-style gift. Keeps 3 days refrigerated.

Beverage

Tier A: Pedro Ximénez sherry (chilled) · Late-harvest Riesling · Tier B: Gonzalez Byass Nectar PX 20-year · Royal Tokaji Aszú 6-puttonyos · Non-alcoholic: Espresso · Strong black tea · Coffee con leche

The burnt-caramel + dairy + dessert-sugar profile wants either fortified/dessert wine (PX is the classical Spanish pairing) or strong coffee. Both work beautifully.

Menu Ideas

Spanish Dinner Party (6-8 guests)

1. Tapas spread (mussels escabeche ✓ + pa-amb-tomaquet ✓). 2. Gazpacho. 3. Main (choose from shipped library). 4. Tarta de queso vasca with PX sherry. Complete Spanish dinner party.

Weekend Brunch

Spanish tortilla + burnt Basque cheesecake slice + strong coffee. 30-minute brunch for 4-6 with both savory + sweet covered.

Afternoon Merienda

Single slice + strong coffee or hot chocolate. 15-minute ritual. Pablo-kitchen favorite for a 17:00 reset.

Date-Night Dessert

One slice shared or one each. Small pool of summit EVOO + Maldon finish. Dessert wine glass each. 5-minute plate.

Host Gift

Whole cake in glass cake stand (+ heating note + small bottle of Spanish olive oil for the finish). Elevated pantry-gift.

YOUR NOTES

Cook Log

Session Notes

Date: _____ · Serves: _____ · Rating: ___ / 5

Use this space to record what you changed, what worked, and what you'd do differently next time. Your future self will thank you.



Stop following recipes. Start understanding food.

