

# **DORADE IN A COCONUT TOMATO SAUCE**

Makes 4 servings.

Dorade is a tender, delicate white fish, quite similar to red snapper or branzino. The sauce has a bit of a kick, and the cilantro gives it a beautiful appearance. The fish is prepared earlier in the day and the sauce can be made at the same time. Pair it with any rice.

# **INGREDIENTS FOR FISH**

- 4 skinless Dorade filets, about 6 ounces each
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon curry powder
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

# **INGREDIENTS FOR SAUCE**

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 shallots, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ¾ cup unsweetened coconut milk
- ½ cup chopped tomatoes (See Note)
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Cilantro leaves, for garnish

#### **PREPARATION**

- 1. Pat the filets dry with a paper towel and lightly season both sides with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine the curry powder with the lime juice and spread it over the fish.
- 2. Place the fish in a zip-top plastic bag. Seal the bag and refrigerate for at least two hours.
- 3. Before cooking bring the fish back to room temperature.
- 4. Preheat the oven to 450 F.
- 5. Heat the olive oil in a small saucepan. Add the shallots and garlic, and sauté, covered, over low heat until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the coconut milk and chopped tomatoes. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and cook uncovered, for about 5 minutes to thicken the sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 6. Spoon some of the sauce into a nonreactive baking pan large enough to hold the fish in one layer.
- 7. Place the fish on top and spoon the rest of the sauce over the fish. Bake for about 8 minutes, or until the fish has just turned opaque. If not completely cooked, cover it with foil for a minute and it will continue cooking.

# NOTE:

I use the Pomi brand chopped tomatoes from 100% fresh Italian tomatoes, which come in a carton. Leftover tomatoes can be refrigerated and even frozen.