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## Blue Cheese Stuffed Dates Bacon, Maple and Balsamic Reduction

Makes 1 Dozen

## **INGREDIENTS:**

12 large Medjool dates, pitted
1 cup blue cheese
4 slices bacon, cut into thirds
½ cup Vermont maple syrup
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar reduction

## DIRECTIONS:

- Cut dates in half and stuff with crumbled blue cheese.
   Wrap with bacon strips and lay seam end down on cooking tray.
- 3. Cook in oven at 350° for 7 minutes or until bacon is done and crispy.
- 4. Generously pour maple syrup over dates immediately after removing from oven.
- 5. Drizzle balsamic reduction syrup over dates before serving.

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