## **Pumpkin Sage Soup**

Prep Time: 20 minutesCook Time: 50 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

• Servings: 8

## **Ingredients:**

- 3 medium onions, peeled and diced
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
- · 3 ribs of celery, halved and sliced
- 4 cloves of garlic, peeled
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled and diced
- 3 large Idaho russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh sage, minced OR 1 ½ teaspoons Stonemill Ground Sage\*
- 1/2 cup Baker's Corner Brown Sugar
- 2 tablespoons Priano Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 teaspoons Stonemill Ground Black Pepper, divided
- 3 teaspoons Stonemill Iodized Salt, divided

- 4 15-ounce cans Baker's Corner 100% Pure Canned Pumpkin\*
- 2 32-ounce cartons Chef's Cupboard Vegetable Stock
- 16 ounces Countryside Creamery Heavy Whipping Cream
- 1 Specially Selected French Baguette, cut into 1/4-inch thick slices on an angle
- 7 ounces Emporium Selection Gouda, shredded
- 2 tablespoons Parsley, as garnish

\*These are Seasonal items that are only in stores for a limited time and may no longer be available.

## **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 400°.
- 2. Combine onion, carrots, celery, garlic, apples, potatoes, sage and brown sugar in a large bowl. Add olive oil, 2 teaspoons black pepper and 2 teaspoons salt and mix thoroughly. Place in a roasting pan and roast in oven for 30 minutes until fork tender. Halfway through the cooking process, stir vegetables to ensure even cooking.
- 3. In a large pot, combine roasted vegetable mixture, pumpkin, vegetable stock, 1 teaspoon black pepper and 1 teaspoon salt. Simmer for 15 minutes.
- 4. Transfer mixture, in batches, to blender and process until smooth.
- 5. Return soup to pot. Add cream, adjust seasoning, if needed.
- 6. Place slices of baguette on a parchment-lined cookie sheet, top each slice with cheese. Bake for 5 minutes until cheese is melted.
- 7. Divide soup into bowls, place two slices of baquette onto each bowl of soup and garnish with parsley.

