Cheese Board with Homemade Apricot Jam

DINNER

Ingredients

Jam

- 8 cups fresh apricots, peeled, pitted, and crushed
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 6 cups white sugar
- 5 canning jars with lids and rings
- Board (can substitute with your choice)
 - Truly Grass Fed Aged Cheddar, cut, crumbled, and/or sliced
 - Truly Grass Fed Sharp Cheddar, cut, crumbled, and/or sliced

Crackers

- Fruit
- Nuts
- Honey



Instructions

- 1. Mix apricots and lemon juice in a large pot, then add sugar. Slowly bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves.
- 2. Continue to cook and stir until apricot mixture for about 25 minutes, or until it thickens. Then, remove from heat and skim foam if necessary.
- 3. Prepare jars, lids, and rings by cleaning and sterilizing in a boiling water bath. Leave lids in simmering water until jars are ready to seal.
- 4. While still warm, pour jam into the hot, sterilized jars, leaving about ¼" of space at the top. Run a knife or thin spatula around the insides of the jars after filling to remove any air bubbles. Wipe rims of jars with a wet paper towel to remove any residue. Place lid on top and screw on ring.
- 5. Place a wire rack in the bottom of a large pot and fill halfway with water.

 Bring to a boil, then carefully place jars into the pot, spacing each 2" apart.

 Add more boiling water if needed until water level is at least 1" above the tops. Bring water to a full boil, place lid on pot, and let sit for 15 minutes.
- 6. Remove jars from the pot and place onto a cloth-covered or wooden surface several inches apart to let cool. Once cool, press top of each lid with a finger to ensure the seal is tight. Store in a cool, dark area.
- 7. Cut cheeses and assemble other charcuterie ingredients on a board to pair with jam.

