Saltimbocca

with turkey, prosciutto & sage

Saltimbocca, literal translation to "jumps in the mouth," is a dish made of veal, prosciutto and sage. It might also be made with chicken, pork, even fish instead of veal. I have made this with many styles of cured meats but pancetta and prosciutto are the most common. Sometimes I top the cooked Saltimbocca with a layer of mozzarella and brown the cheese prior to topping it with the sauce.



8 (2-oz.)	turkey cutlets	1/4 cup	white vermouth
1 pinch	kosher salt	1 cup	chicken stock
1 pinch	freshly ground pepper	1 tablespoon	glace de poulet
8 slices	prosciutto	1 tablespoon	lemon juice
8 leaves	sage leaves	2 tablespoons	unsalted butter
1/2 cup	all purpose flour		

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 4 tablespoons unsalted butter

- 1. Using a meat mallet, pound the turkey cutlets between 2 sheets of plastic wrap (or a cut open gallon size zip style freezer bag) until each piece is about 1/8 of an inch thick. Lightly season with the salt and pepper.
- 2. Lay a slice of prosciutto on each piece of turkey, gently pressing prosciutto against turkey to adhere it. Place a sage leaf on top of the prosciutto and stitch them into the turkey with long slender skewers or toothpicks.
- 3. Place the flour on a large plate and dredge each piece of turkey in the flour, shake off any excess.
- 4. In a large skillet, heat 4 tablespoons of the oil and 4 tablespoons of the butter over medium-high. Add 2 pieces of turkey and cook, turning once, until the prosciutto side is crisp and the turkey side is lightly browned, about 1 minute per side. Transfer the meat to a paper towel-lined plate; drain and discard the oil and butter from the skillet. Repeat this process with more oil, butter with any remaining salitmbocca preps
- 5. Drain and discard the oil and butter from the skillet.
- 6. Place the skillet over medium-high heat, when warm again add the vermouth then cook, scraping up browned bits (fond), until reduced by half, about 1 to 2 minutes. Add the chicken stock and reduce by half again, about 3 minutes. Stir in the butter and and lemon juice then reduce the heat to medium low. Return meat to skillet then cook, turning occasionally, until sauce thickens slightly, 1–2 minutes.
- 7. Transfer the saltimbocca to a platter then top with the pan sauce and serve.