



Devils on Horseback (Bacon-Wrapped Dates w/Parmesan)

serves 10

- 20 3/4" x 1/4" (approx) sticks Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 20 pitted dates (preferably large juicy Medjool)
- 10 thin slices of bacon, cut crosswise in half
- 20 wooden toothpicks

Place oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 400°F.* Stuff 1 piece of cheese into each date, then wrap 1 piece of bacon around each date, securing it with a toothpick. Arrange dates 1 inch apart on a rack or slotted pan set in a baking sheet.

Roast for 10-15 minutes, then turn dates over with tongs and until bacon is browned and crisp. Serve immediately, but warn guests that these are molten inside and to proceed with caution!