Blackberries and Dumplings

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INGREDIENTS

For the Berries:

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 quart (about 4 cups) fresh blackberries
- 1 cup granulated sugar, or to taste
- 2 cups water
- 1 small lemon, zested and juiced
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

For the Dumplings:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1/3 cup whole milk

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Mix together cornstarch and 2 tablespoons water; set aside.
- 2. Add blackberries and sugar to a large saucepan; toss and let rest for 30 minutes, longer if they were refrigerated, stirring several times. Taste and add additional sugar if desired.
- 3. Add the 2 cups water, lemon juice, zest and salt; stir and bring to a boil.
- 4. Stir in cornstarch slurry, boil 2 minutes reduce to a bare bubble simmer; add butter.
- 5. Meanwhile, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt.
- 6. Add butter and milk and mix together to form a shaggy dough.
- 7. Drop spoonfuls of dumpling dough on top of stewed blackberries, cover and simmer for 20 minutes without lifting cover.
- 8. Uncover, remove from heat and let rest for 10 minutes.
- 9. Spoon dumplings over vanilla ice cream or into a serving bowl, spooning sauce on top. Add a dollop of whipped cream if desired.

NOTES

Number of dumplings depends on how you drop them. I use a small cookie scoop and get about a dozen dumplings, although if you have your simmer too high, some will break down. May also make with other berries.

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