CHOCOLATE ALMOND BARK WITH SEA SALT

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PREP: 3 Hrs COOK: 15 Min STOVETOP

CANDY MAKES 1 3/4 POUNDS

QUA	MEASURE	INGREDIENT	PROCESS
1/2	Cup	Granulated Sugar	
2	Tbsp	Water	
1	Tbsp	Unsalted Butter	
1	Pound	Dark Chocolate (62 ~ 70% Cacao)	Fine Chop
1 1/2	Cups	Roasted Marcona Almonds (Dry - NOT in Oil)	
		Coarse Sea Salt	Sprinkling

PREPARATION			
	1) Silicone Baking Sheet 2) Aluminum Half Sheet Pan 3) Small Saucepan 4) Medium Saucepan 5) Medium Mixing Bowl 6) Silicone Spatula 7) Small Pastry Brush		
CAUTION	Get all of the Ingredients together BEFORE even thinking about beginning.		
PREP	DISH1) Line a sheet pan with a silicone baking mat and set it aside.2) Coarsely chop the Nuts and set them aside.3) Finely chop the Chocolate and set it aside.		
1	In a small saucepan over medium low heat, Combine the Sugar with the Water. Stir until the Sugar dissolves. Bring it undisturbed to a boil and cook, occasionally swirling the pan and brushing down the sides with a wet pastry brush, until the Caramel is a dark amber in color, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat. Immediately add in the Butter; whisk until just melted. Add in the Almonds; stir until well coated. Transfer the mixture to the sheet pan, spreading it out with a silicone spatula to separate the Nuts. Let it cool. Breaking up any clumps of Nuts. Set aside 1/4 of the Nuts		
2	Stir the Chocolate in a medium bowl set over a saucepan of simmering Water until melted. Remove from the heat, add the nuts from the sheet pan, and stir quickly to combine. Using a silicone spatula, evenly spread the Chocolate-Nut mixture on the same sheet pan, keeping the Nuts in a single layer. Sprinkle the top with the reserved Nuts and then, sprinkle generously with Sea Salt. Chill until the Chocolate is completely set, about 3 hours.		
SERVE	Break bark into pieces and store chilled between layers of parchment or waxed paper.		