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MUSHROOM AND MANCHEGO PANINI

COOKING LIGHT – MARCH 2012 Serves 4

- 1 teaspoon unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 (4 ounce) packages pre-sliced exotic mushroom blend (such as shiitake, cremini, and oyster)
- 1 (8 ounce) package pre-sliced cremini mushrooms
- 1½ tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 8 (1 ½ ounce) slices sourdough bread
- 3 ounces shaved Manchego cheese
- 1 garlic clove, halved Cooking spray
- Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat; add shallots and next 6 ingredients (through cremini mushrooms). Cook 10 minutes or until mushrooms are tender and liquid almost evaporates.
- Divide the mushroom mixture evenly among four bread slices. Top evenly with Manchego cheese and remaining bread slices.
- Heat a large grill pan over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add sandwiches to pan. Place a cast-iron or heavy skillet on top of sandwiches; press gently to flatten.
- Cook sandwiches 2 minutes on each side or until cheese melts and bread is toasted (leave skillet on sandwiches while they cook). Rub the top and bottom of each sandwich with cut side of garlic clove.