

# The Vintage Caper: Sam Levitt Capers Unveils a World of Culinary Delights



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## **A Journey into Culinary History**

Capers, tiny green orbs with a tangy, slightly salty flavor, have been a beloved culinary ingredient for centuries. Their history can be traced back to ancient Greece and Rome, where they were prized for their medicinal and culinary properties. Capers were used to flavor sauces, dressings, and various dishes, adding a unique depth and complexity to the cuisine.

Among the world's finest capers stands Sam Levitt Capers, a family-owned and operated business that has been producing exceptional capers for over a century. The Levitt family's passion for capers is evident in every jar, as they meticulously hand-pick each caper berry at the peak of ripeness.

## **Cultivating the Caper Treasure**

Capers are the unopened flower buds of the *Capparis spinosa* plant, a hardy shrub native to the Mediterranean region. The cultivation of capers is an intricate process that requires patience and expertise.

Sam Levitt Capers are grown in the sun-drenched fields of Spain, where the ideal climate and soil conditions foster the growth of plump, flavorful

capers. The plants are carefully tended to throughout the growing season, ensuring optimal yield and quality.

## **Gastronomic Versatility: A Culinary Symphony**

Sam Levitt Capers are culinary chameleons, seamlessly adapting to a wide range of dishes and cuisines. Their tangy, briny flavor complements everything from classic Italian pasta dishes to grilled meats, seafood, and even desserts.

- **Italian Cuisine:** Capers add a touch of Mediterranean sunshine to classic Italian dishes like spaghetti puttanesca, Caesar salad, and veal piccata.
- **French Cuisine:** In French cooking, capers are incorporated into sauces like tartare and gribiche, adding a piquant note to classic dishes like steak frites and coq au vin.
- **Mediterranean Cuisine:** Capers are an essential ingredient in many Mediterranean dishes, including Greek salads, Spanish tapas, and Moroccan tagines.
- **Desserts:** Surprisingly, capers can also add a delightful twist to desserts. They provide a salty counterbalance to sweet flavors in dishes like chocolate mousse, panna cotta, and fruit tarts.

## **Culinary Inspiration: Recipes for Delight**

To inspire your culinary adventures, here are a few tantalizing recipes featuring Sam Levitt Capers:

### **Caper-Crusted Salmon with Lemon-Dill Sauce**

- Ingredients:
  - 1 pound salmon fillet
  - 1/4 cup Sam Levitt Capers
  - 1/4 cup bread crumbs
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- Instructions:
  1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
  2. In a small bowl, combine capers, bread crumbs, dill, olive oil, lemon zest, and a pinch of salt and pepper.
  3. Press the caper mixture onto the salmon fillet, ensuring it is evenly coated.
  4. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until the salmon is cooked through and the crust is golden brown.
  5. In a separate bowl, whisk together lemon juice, olive oil, and additional chopped dill. Serve the salmon with the lemon-dill sauce.

## **Caper and Olive Tapenade**

- Ingredients:
  - 1 cup Sam Levitt Capers
  - 1 cup pitted Kalamata olives

- 1/2 cup olive oil
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon dried oregano
  - Salt and pepper to taste
- Instructions:
1. In a food processor, combine all ingredients and pulse until a coarse paste forms.
  2. Transfer the tapenade to a bowl and adjust seasoning to your taste.
  3. Serve with bread, crackers, or as a spread on sandwiches.

## **: A Culinary Treasure for the Ages**

Sam Levitt Capers are a culinary treasure that has stood the test of time. Their exquisite flavor and versatility have made them a favorite among discerning chefs and food enthusiasts worldwide. Whether you are a seasoned cook or just starting your culinary journey, Sam Levitt Capers are an essential ingredient that will elevate your dishes to new heights.

So, join the culinary adventure and discover the Vintage Caper. Let Sam Levitt Capers be your guide on a journey of taste and discovery, where every dish becomes a masterpiece.



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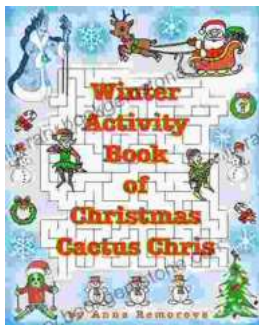
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