Artisan Pizza Dough

Yeild: 5 Individual Pizza Crusts

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Ingredients:

Bread Flour, unbleached	5 1/3 cups
Salt	2 tsp.
Instant Yeast	1 tsp.
Honey (or sugar)	2 tbsp.
Water (room temperature)	2 cups + 2 tbsp.
Olive Oil	2 tbsp.
Cornmeal	1 tbsp (optional)
Instructions:	

- 1. Combine all of the ingredients in a mixing bowl and mix on low speed for 1 minute. If mixing by hand use a large spoon and stir for about 1 minute until well blended. Let dough rest 5 minutes to let dough hydrate.
- 2. Mix on medium speed for 2-3 minutes until dough is smooth. (dough should be slightly sticky)
- 3. Lightly oil a work surface or counter and transfer dough to work surface. With lightly oiled hands, continue to work the dough by stretching it and forming into a ball.
- 4. Divide the dough into 5 equal balls.
- 5. Dough balls either could be placed into a lightly oiled sealed container or placed each ball into a sandwich bag lightly misted with spray oil.
- 6. Refrigerate overnight or for up to 4 days. Note: Individual dough balls in bags can be frozen for several months.

On Baking Day:

- 1. Approximately 90 minutes before you plan to make the pizzas, place the number of dough balls on a lightly oiled surface and roll or reshape them tightly into balls and place them on a lightly oiled pan loosely covered with plastic wrap.
- 2. Preheat Oven 450 degrees F or as high as it will go.
- 3. Prepare your pizza toppings
- 4. Hand stretch and press dough into round pizzas approximately 8 inches wide. If they shrink back, just let the rest for a minute or two and then continue.
- 5. Lightly sprinkle cornmeal on parchment lined sheet pan or lightly oiled pizza pan and place your stretched dough on top. Add your choice of toppings.
- 6. Bake 5-7 minutes (rotate after 4 minutes).

Pizza Sauce

Ingredients:

Crushed tomatoes, canned	large can (796ml)
Salt	2 tsp.
Honey (or sugar)	2 tbsp.
Olive Oil	¼ cup
Garlic, fresh minced	1 tbps.
Oregano, dried	2 tsp
Red Chiles, dried	½ tsp

- 1. In a medium sauce pan add olive oil and preheat on medium low heat
- 2. Add garlic and sauté until lightly browned or toasted.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients and lightly simmer on low heat for 5 minutes.