

## Fresh Blueberry Cocktail



### *Ingredients*

2 cups fresh blueberries

3/4 cup sugar

2 cups water

2 Tbsp. vodka (optional)

Ice

Squeeze of lemon

Club soda

Fresh blueberries and sprigs of mint to garnish

### ***Directions***

Place blueberries, sugar and water in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes to cool. Working in batches, pour the blueberry sauce into a mesh strainer set over a bowl. Using a spoon or rubber spatula, stir until the sauce moves through the strainer but the seeds are left behind. Discard seeds and repeat the process until all of the blueberry mixture has been strained.

To prepare the drink, fill a cocktail shaker half full of ice, then add 1/4 cup of blueberry syrup and vodka, if desired. Cover, shake and strain into a glass filled with ice. Squeeze in a little lemon juice and top with a splash of club soda. Garnish with a few fresh blueberries and a sprig of mint.