Aronia berries (also known as chokeberries) are tart and can be used in a variety of recipes, often combined with sweeter fruits or other ingredients to balance the flavor. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

## Jams, jellies, and preserves

- **Simple aronia preserves:** Mash washed aronia berries with water and vinegar. Bring to a boil, then cool. Strain the juice and mix with applesauce, pectin, sugar, and spices like cinnamon and lemon zest. Cook until it reaches a gel-like consistency.
- Aronia berry jam with honey: Cook aronia berries with honey and a small amount of water. You can add cinnamon for extra flavor. Simmer until the berries are soft and the mixture has thickened. Use a blender for a smoother texture or crush the berries with a spoon for a chunkier jam.
- Aronia and cranberry sauce: Combine aronia berries with cranberries, sugar, water, orange juice, and orange zest. Cook in a skillet until thickened for a twist on a classic holiday sauce. [1, 2, 6, 7, 8]

## **Drinks and cocktails**

- **Aronia berry simple syrup:** Cook aronia berries in a saucepan with a little water until the juices are released. Strain out the pulp and seeds to create a concentrated syrup.
- **Aronia old-fashioned:** Mix bourbon, aronia berry syrup, and bitters. Garnish with an orange twist for a fruity cocktail.
- **Aronia berry mocktail:** Combine aronia syrup, lemon juice, and apple cider or champagne vinegar, then top with sparkling water. Garnish with mint or lemon balm.
- **Aronia juice:** Cook aronia berries with water, then strain the liquid. Boil the juice again with sugar to create a syrup. You can also mix aronia juice with other fruit juices for a custom blend. [9, 10, 11, 12, 13]

# Baked goods and desserts

- **Aronia oatmeal cookies:** Mix flour, spices, and oats, then cream together softened butter and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, then fold in the aronia berries. Drop spoonfuls onto a cookie sheet and bake for 8–10 minutes.
- Aronia banana bread: Blend aronia berries with a classic banana bread batter. The tartness of the berries is a great contrast to the sweet bread.
- **Aronia oatmeal crumble bars:** This vegan recipe uses rolled oats, spelt flour, and brown and coconut sugars for the base, with an aronia berry filling.
- **Smoothies:** For a healthy boost, add aronia berries to your favorite smoothie. Combine with ingredients like coconut milk, bananas, and other fruits like raspberries. [2, 14, 15, 16, 17]

#### Savory and other recipes

- **Aronia vinaigrette:** Blend cooked and syrupy aronia berries with vinegar and slowly add oil to form an emulsion. This makes for a tart and tangy salad dressing.
- Aronia energy bites: Process pitted dates, almonds, aronia berries, and cacao powder in a food processor with almond butter until a sticky "dough" forms. Roll into balls and coat in shredded coconut.

• **Fermented aronia berry chutney:** Mix chopped aronia berries and apples with pineapple, lemon juice, spices, whey, and nuts. The fermentation adds a unique tang. [9, 18, 19, 20, 21]

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