## OBATZTER A.K.A. BAVARIAN CHEESE DIP

This is a very popular dip that you can get in Bavaria all year round, but that's especially common during Oktoberfest. It is usually served on a charcuterie board with cold cuts, different cheeses, garden radish, etc. Or, if you are not that hungry, you order it on its own with just some crunchy pretzels for dipping.

## INGREDIENTS:

8 OZ CALIFORNIA CAMEMBERT 4 OZ BLOCK COLD CREAM CHEESE 3 OZ COLD LAUGHING COW ORIGINAL CHEESE—4 WEDGES 14 TSP GROUND WHITE PEPPER 11/2 TSP PAPRIKA POWDER 1 TBSP FREEZE-DRIED CHIVES CUP SCHMITT SOHNE VINEYARDS DRY RIESLING CUT CHIVES FOR GARNISH SOFT BAKED PRETZELS AND PRETZEL RODS FOR DIPPING CARROTS, CELERY AND SCALLIONS CUT INTO CRUDITÉ FOR DIPPING

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## METHOD:

Using a paring knife, remove the rind from the side of the Camembert wheel and cut wheel into four pieces. Add to a food processor fitted with an s blade. Add the cream cheese and the Laughing Cow cheese. If your food processor has a dip option, use this to combine the cheeses.

Add the white pepper, paprika, freeze-dried chives and process again to mix. Using a spatula, scrape down sides and add the wine and process on puree for about 30 seconds to mix well. The texture should be smooth and thick, but pourable. Process a little longer if needed. Pour in a 2-cup container with a lid and refrigerate overnight.

When ready to serve, take out about 1 hour before serving and place in a serving bowl. Sprinkle with chives and serve with backed pretzels, pretzel rods, and the cut carrots, celery and scallions.

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