OUR SIMPLE TRICK FOR THE BEST KOREAN-STYLE WINGS IS TO

marinate the wings in a mixture of egg whites, salt, and baking soda. This forms an even coating that clings to the wings and seasons them. The mixture also helps to break down the outer layer of proteins on the skin, allowing the chicken to render and brown in the oven and resulting in juicy wings with a thin, crackling skin. (You can also brush the marinade on a whole chicken before roasting.) We've paired the wings with yangnyeomjang, a spicy Korean dipping sauce, to accent the sweet flavor of the chicken.

SERVES 4 TO 6

KOREAN-STYLE CHICKEN WINGS

Put the egg whites, baking soda, and salt in a bowl and stir to dissolve the salt and baking soda. Add the chicken wings and stir to coat evenly. Remove the wings from the bowl and lay them out on 2 wire racks, each set over a baking sheet. Refrigerate the wings uncovered overnight for them to dry out.

Preheat the oven to 450°F (235°C).

Put the wings, still on the racks on the baking sheets, into the oven and cook for 15 minutes. Flip the wings over and bake for 10 minutes. Flip the wings over again and bake until a deep golden brown with a crackling skin, about 10 more minutes. Take the pans out of the oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the soy sauce, apple juice, honey, rice vinegar, sesame oil, chile flakes, sesame seeds, garlic, ginger, and scallion.

Pile the wings on a serving platter and serve the sauce alongside.

3 large egg whites

2 teaspoons / 10 grams baking soda

1¾ teaspoons / 10.5 grams fine sea salt

4 pounds / 1.8 kilograms whole chicken wings

1/4 cup / 65 grams tamari soy sauce

3 tablespoons / 42 grams apple juice

1 tablespoon / 16 grams honey

1 tablespoon / 14 grams rice vinegar

1 tablespoon / 14 grams toasted sesame oil

1 teaspoons / 2 grams
Korean red chile flakes

1 tablespoon / 3.75 grams toasted sesame seeds, chopped

1 garlic clove, grated

½ teaspoon / 2.5 grams grated fresh ginger

1 scallion, finely sliced

