



Roasted salmon with sourdough stuffing and verjuice hollandaise

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30 minutes

Preparation Time

40 minutes

Cooking Time

8-10 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Sourdough stuffing Salmon

250 g sourdough bread, crusts removed100 g butter½ cup currants, soaked in verjuice

½ cup capers, rinsed and strained Zest of 2 lemons, finely grated 1½ cups fresh dill, chopped

1½ cups flat leaf parsley, chopped

Salmon

2 sides of salmon, pin-boned, approx. 2.5 kg total Extra virgin olive oil Salt flakes, to taste Kitchen twine

Verjuice hollandaise

250 ml verjuice

1 bay leaf

6 black peppercorns

250 g unsalted butter

4 egg yolks

Salt flakes and white pepper,

to taste

METHOD

Sourdough stuffing

- 1. Preheat the oven on Fan Grill at 200°C with a universal tray set on shelf level 4.
- 2. Tear bread into small croutons. Heat the butter in a frying pan on medium heat, induction setting 6 until melted. Add half the bread and toast until golden. Continue with remaining half, adding more butter if required.
- 3. Strain the currants from the verjuice and add to the frying pan along with the capers and lemon zest.
- 4. Remove from heat and allow to cool before mixing through herbs to combine.

Salmon

- 1. Place one side of salmon skin side down onto a large chopping board and position the stuffing along the length of the fish.
- 2. Add the second side of salmon to sandwich the stuffing. Liberally brush both sides of the skin with extra virgin olive oil and salt flakes.
- 3. Using the kitchen twine, truss the salmon securely. Place the salmon onto a piece of baking paper and carefully slide onto the hot tray.
- 4. Bake for 15-20 minutes until the skin has become crisp and browned evenly.
- 5. Remove from the oven, drizzle with a little olive oil and verjuice before resting in the warming drawer on Food setting 2 for 20 minutes.

Verjuice hollandaise

- 1. Place the verjuice, bay leaf and peppercorns in a stainless steel saucepan over high heat, induction setting 8. Bring to the boil and simmer for 5-6 minutes or until reduced to 2 tablespoons. Strain and set aside to cool.
- 2. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, induction setting 6 and cook for 5-6 minutes or until nut-brown.
- 3. Remove the butter from the heat and gently pour into a glass jug, leaving any residual brown solids behind. Set butter aside to cool for 5-10 minutes. If you have a digital thermometer, the temperature should register 69°C.
- 4. Place the egg yolks and cooled verjuice mixture in a small food processor and process until the mixture has emulsified. With the motor running, add the hot nut-brown butter, a little at a time, until fully incorporated. Check the sauce for seasoning and add salt flakes and pepper, if desired.

To serve

1. Remove the twine and serve the salmon on a shared platter with verjuice hollandaise.

Hints and tips

- The salmon is served rare to medium-rare and, for this reason it is very important to use fresh and clean produce.
- If you prefer salmon well cooked, at Step 4 of salmon, leave in the oven and reduce to 180°C. Cook for a further 8 minutes before resting.