



Lamb rump, roasted eggplant, cumin tomato paste, yoghurt

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45 minutes

Preparation Time

2 hours

Cooking Time

8

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Lamb rump

4 lamb rump, trimmed 2 garlic cloves, sliced Sprig of thyme Salt and pepper Olive oil

Tomato and cumin sauce

2 tbs olive oil

2 shallots, finely sliced

2 garlic cloves, finely sliced

1 tsp freshly ground cumin seeds

800g tinned whole peeled

tomatoes

1 tbs brown sugar

1 tbs red wine vinegar

1 tsp chopped thyme

1 bay leaf

Salt to taste

Eggplant

4 Japanese eggplants
Grapeseed oil
1 tbs tahini paste
1 tbs honey
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbs toasted pinenuts
Warm water
Salt, to taste

Yoghurt dressing

Salt

200ml store-bought or home-made Greek yoghurt 50ml olive oil Juice of 1 lemon Water

To serve

100g watercress

METHOD

Lamb rump

- 1. Season the lamb rump and place in a large vacuum seal bag, along with the garlic and thyme. Place into the Vacuum Sealing Drawer and Vacuum on setting 3 and Seal on setting 3.
- 2. Place into a perforated steam container and steam at 65°C for 45 minutes.
- 3. Once cooked, remove from the vacuum seal bag, pat dry and put to one side.
- 4. Heat oil in a gourmet oven dish on high heat, Induction setting 8. Add lamb rumps and sear on all sides until golden brown. Leave to rest.

Tomato and cumin sauce

- 1. Heat olive oil in a medium size saucepan on medium-high heat, Induction setting 7. Add the garlic and shallots and sauté for 5 minutes, then add the cumin and toast quickly.
- 2. Add tomatoes, sugar and vinegar. Bring the tomato sauce to the boil then reduce to a simmer, Induction setting 5.
- 3. Add the thyme and bay leaf, reduce to low heat, Induction setting 3 and continue to cook the sauce for a further 40 minutes or until it has reduced to a paste like consistency.
- 4. Remove from heat and remove bay leaf. Transfer the sauce to a blender and process until smooth, add oil and salt to taste. Keep warm.

Eggplant

- 1. In a shallow dish, stir together the ingredients for the marinade until everything is well mixed, adding just enough hot water to loosen the paste and honey.
- 2. Slice the eggplant in half lengthwise, then score the flesh with a knife cutting into the flesh without cutting through the skin. Make diagonal cuts about an inch apart, and then repeat in the other direction so you have a diamond like pattern.
- 3. Place the eggplant in the dish with the marinade and coat the surface and insides of the eggplant with the marinade. Leave to marinate for at least 20 minutes.
- 4. Line a multi-purpose tray with baking paper. Pre-heat Oven on Moisture Plus at 190°C with 1 manual burst of steam and follow the prompts.
- 5. Remove the eggplant from the marinade and place cut-side up on the baking paper.
- 6. Place into pre-heated Oven on shelf position 2 and release burst of steam. Roast for 10 minutes.
- 7. Remove the tray from the Oven, brush the eggplant with more of the reserved marinade, sprinkle some of the pine nuts over the top and roast for a further 10 minutes.

Yoghurt dressing

1. Mix the yoghurt with olive oil and lemon juice, season to taste with salt.

To serve

- 1. Slice lamb in half lengthways and trim if necessary, place onto the plate, allow 2 half eggplants per portion.
- 2. Spoon tomato puree next to the lamb, garnish with watercress, dress with yoghurt dressing and serve.

Hints and tips

• Tomato and cumin sauce can be made ahead of time and frozen for up to 3 months.