



## Ballarat apples

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Preparation time

Cooking time

6

Serves

## **INGREDIENTS**

1kg Ballarat apples, or any soft fluffy textured apple

1/4 cup white sugar, or your preferred sugar

½ tsp ground cinnamon

½ tsp star anise, or 1 whole spice

½ tsp ground cloves, or 1 whole spice

Juice of 1/2 lemon

## **METHOD**

- 1. Peel and core apples then chop in 2cm cubes. Place apple into acidulated (lemon) water to keep from going brown.
- 2. Drain and toss with the sugar and spices.
- 3. Pack tightly into sterilised jars, pouring in all of the juice and secure the lid.
- 4. Place jars into the steam oven 2cm apart and steam at 100°C for 5 minutes, then 90°C for 55 minutes.
- 5. Allow to cool in the steam oven for 20 minutes, then place at room temperature to cool. Ensure all lids are sealed correctly and a vacuum has been created in the jar.
- 6. Fruit can now be stored on a dark, cool shelf at room temperature for up to 12 months.
- 7. Once opened, store in the refrigerator for up to one week.
- 8. Fruit will appear intact, however if you shake the jars hard the fruit will break down into a compote.