



Lamb backstrap with crispy kale, roasted pear and macadamia

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12 hours , including pressing time

Prep time

6 hrs 30 mins

Cooking time

6 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Lamb backstrap

3 lamb backstrap Murray River Sea Salt to taste 1 tablespoon olive oil

Lamb terrine: stage 1

2kg lamb leg on the bone
Murray River Sea Salt and white pepper
2kg duck fat, melted
1 garlic bulb, cut in half
2 rosemary sprigs

Lamb terrine: stage 2

300g cooked lamb leg confit meat 3 shallots, finely chopped 1 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped 2 tablespoons roasted garlic puree (resulting from the confit bulb above)

½ cup dried cranberries, rehydrated in hot water for 10 minutes, drained 2/3 cup roasted pistachio nuts ½ cup lamb cooking juices (from the bottom of the set duck fat). ½ teaspoon Murray River Sea Salt 1 teaspoon lemon zest 1 tablespoon olive oil (for searing)

Crispy kale and salt bush

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 kale leaves, washed and dried, spines discarded

3/4 cup semi dehydrated salt bush, washed and dried

Mustard foam

100g mashed potato,well-seasoned 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard 2 eggs 2 egg yolks

1 teaspoon Murray River Sea Salt 80ml grapeseed oil

Brown butter

200g butter

Pears

1 pear for wedges

1 pear for crudités

1 pear for fine dice

1 tablespoon brown butter

2 slices lemon

To serve

1/4 cup roasted macadamia nuts, roughly chopped

METHOD

Lamb terrine: stage 1

- 1. Pre-heat oven on Conventional at 120°C. Place medium Gourmet oven dish on level 2 and heat (empty) for 10 minutes.
- 2. Place lamb leg in the hot Gourmet oven dish with duck fat, rosemary and garlic. Cover with foil or lid and cook for 6 hours.
- 3. Remove lamb from duck fat and separate the meat from the bones. Cool and set aside to be used in stage 2.
- 4. Strain the duck fat and set in the refrigerator.

Lamb terrine: stage 2

- 1. Remove skin from the confit garlic bulb, discard skin and puree the pulp with a spoon.
- 2. In a bowl combine all remaining ingredients in stage 2.
- 3. Fold a strip of baking paper to the width of the base of a rectangular terrine mould measuring 11cm x 28. Make sure it is long enough to come up the ends to 2cm above the top of the terrine.
- 4. Press the lamb mixture into the lined mould. Cover with a strip of baking paper and weigh down with heavy cans. Set in refrigerator overnight to set.

Crispy kale and salt bush

- 1. Heat oil and fry kale and salt bush until crispy, drain on paper towel.
- 2. Place kale and salt bush on a baking paper lined baking tray in the oven on shelf position 3, Drying Function at 90°C. Dry for 2-4 hours depending on the size of the leaves, or until crisp.

Mustard foam

1. Combine all ingredients except the oil in a stainless steel jug or cylindrical vessel; gradually add the oil whilst mixing with a stick blender until you have reached the consistency of a mayonnaise. Set aside.

Brown butter

1. Place butter in a small pan on medium high heat, Induction setting 6-7. Cook until the butter reaches 175°C and is a lovely nutty brown colour. Drain the clear brown butter into a bowl, leaving the milk solids behind. Discard the milk solids.

Pears

- 1. Pear wedges; cut a pear into 6 even wedges, remove core and peel with a paring knife. Set aside in water with a slice of lemon until required.
- 2. Pear crudités; slice unpeeled pears vertically to 1mm thickness on a mandolin. Stack 2-3 slices together; using a 3cm diameter cutter cut discs of pear, avoiding the skin and core. Place in the water with lemon.
- 3. Diced pear; peel and finely dice the remaining pear and set aside in acidulated water as above.
- 4. Heat a small frying pan on medium heat, Induction setting 6, add the diced pear and gently heat through for about 3 minutes. The pear should still have crunch. Set aside until required.
- 5. Pre-heat Fan Grill at 200°C. Brush pear wedges with butter and place on Multi-purpose tray. Grill for 5 minutes or until golden in colour. Keep warm.

Mustard foam

1. Re-heat on low heat, Induction setting 3, whisking constantly until warmed through. Keep warm.

Lamb backstrap

Brush lamb backstrap with oil and season with salt. Heat a frying pan on medium-high heat, Induction setting
 Brown the meat on all sides and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and keep warm whilst resting for
 minutes before cutting into 2cm x 8cm portions.

Lamb terrine

1. Cut terrine into portions of a similar size to the backstrap 2cm x 8cm. Heat a clean pan on medium high heat, Induction setting 6-8, pour in the olive oil. Sear the lamb terrine portions on presentation side only for 1 minute.

To serve

- 1. Place lamb backstrap portion on left side of the plate and a terrine portion opposite on the right.
- 2. Place 3 pear wedges around the plate. Top the lamb backstrap with chopped macadamia nuts and top the lamb
 - terrine with a small amount of kale and salt bush.
- 3. Scatter the buttered pear cubes around the plate. Stand the pear crudités up against the backstrap and terrine and dot the mustard foam around the plate.
- 4. Serve immediately.

Hints and tips

- Strain duck fat and filter. Store for another use. The lamb juices which settle at the bottom of the duck fat can be strained and frozen for later use.
- Remaining terrine will keep for one week covered in the refrigerator, or will freeze for one month.
- Remaining brown butter will keep for 2 weeks, refrigerated.
- The kale can be cooked on Fan Plus at 90°C if your oven does not have Drying function.
- A loaf pan and ceramic terrine mould can be used in place of a cast iron terrine mould.
- Salt bush can be ordered online if not available at your local grocer.