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# Neil Ellis's Bacon Marmalade & Ostrich

with smashed baby potatoes & a fresh salad

Take marmalade off the breakfast table and elevate it for a modern dinner setting by making a bacon, honey & caramelised onion marmalade. This is spooned over juicy seared ostrich steak, which is sided with oven-roasted smashed baby potatoes and a tangy tomato & cheese ribbon green salad.

Hands-on Time: 35 minutes

Overall Time: 60 minutes

**Serves:** 3 People

Chef: Neil Ellis

Adventurous Foodie

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Cabernet Sauvignon 2020

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### **Ingredients & Prep**

600g Baby Potatoes

rinse

6 strips Streaky Pork Bacon

2 Onions

peel & finely slice 11/2

45ml Honey

450g Free-range Ostrich Fillet

240g Baby Tomatoes

rinse & cut into quarters

60g Green Leaves

90g Italian-style Hard Cheese

peel into ribbons

#### From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

Salt & Pepper

Water

Paper Towel

Butter

1. LET'S START! Preheat the oven to 200°C. Place the baby potatoes in a pot of salted water. Bring to a boil and cook until easily pierced with a fork but still firm, 15-20 minutes. Drain and set aside.

2. BACON MAKES EVERYTHING BETTER Place a pan (with a lid) over medium heat. When hot, fry the bacon strips until browned and crispy, 1-2 minutes per side. Remove from the pan and drain on paper towel, keeping the pan of oil on the heat. Add a knob of butter (optional) and fry the sliced onion until golden, 10-12 minutes (shifting occasionally).

3. MAKE THE MARMALADE When the onion is soft and caramelised, reduce the heat to low. Roughly chop the bacon and add to the pan. Stir in the honey and 80ml of water. Cook until sticky and reduced by a ¼, 5-6 minutes (stirring regularly). Transfer to a small bowl, cover, and set aside.

4. SMASHED SPUDS Spread the parboiled potatoes on a lightly greased roasting tray. Using a fork, gently press down, splitting the skin, but keeping them in one piece. Drizzle with oil and season. Roast in the hot oven until crispy, 15-20 minutes.

5. SEARED OSTRICH Return the pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. Pat the ostrich dry with paper towel. When hot, sear the ostrich until browned, 2-3 minutes per side (for medium-rare). In the final 1-2 minutes, baste with a knob of butter. Remove from the pan and set aside to rest for 5 minutes before slicing and seasoning.

6. QUICK SALAD Place the baby tomato quarters into a bowl. Toss with the rinsed leaves, the cheese ribbons, a drizzle of olive oil, and seasoning. Set aside.

7. SMASHIN' DINNER! Plate up the golden smashed potatoes and side with the ostrich slices. Top with the bacon marmalade and serve the green salad on the side.

#### **Nutritional Information**

Per 100g

Energy	433kJ
Energy	103kcal
Protein	7.9g
Carbs	10g
of which sugars	4.4g
Fibre	1g
Fat	3.1g
of which saturated	1.2g
Sodium	90mg

## **Allergens**

Egg, Allium, Cow's Milk

Eat
Within
4 Days