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Rooibos-poached Pear & Biltong Salad

with gnocchi, sun-dried tomatoes & green leaves

What's the tea today, Chef? This intricate, innovative, and incredibly tasty salad! Featuring two uniquely South African ingredients, biltong and rooibos tea. Golden pan-roasted gnocchi are tossed with biltong, sun-dried tomatoes, fresh greens, plump pops of corn & crunchy almonds, and coated in a rooibos, white wine & spice-infused mustard cream.

Hands-on Time: 30 minutes

Overall Time: 45 minutes

Serves: 2 People

Chef: Jade Summers

Adventurous Foodie

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Ingredients & Prep

1	Pear <i>rinse, peel, core & halve</i>
100ml	White Wine
1	Rooibos Tea Bag
13g	Spice Blend <i>(2 Star Anise, 1 Cinnamon Stick & 10ml Black Peppercorns)</i>
350g	Potato Gnocchi
10g	Almonds <i>roughly chop</i>
80g	Corn
50ml	Mustard Cream <i>(10ml Dijon Mustard & 40ml Sour Cream)</i>
100g	Free-range Beef Biltong
40g	Green Leaves <i>rinse</i>
40g	Sun-dried Tomatoes <i>drain</i>
50g	Italian-style Hard Cheese <i>peel into ribbons</i>

From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive & coconut)
Salt & Pepper
Water
Sugar/Sweetener/Honey
Butter (optional)

1. PEAR-ECTLY POACHED In a pot, combine the halved pear, the wine, the tea bag, the spice blend, 20ml of sweetener, and 300ml of water. Place over medium heat and cover. Simmer until the pear is tender and the liquid is slightly reduced, 20-25 minutes. Remove from the pot, reserving the poaching liquid, and slice the pear to resemble a fan.

2. IT'S A GO FOR GNOCCHI Bring a pot of salted water to a boil for the gnocchi. Cook the gnocchi until they float to the surface, 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat and drain.

3. AND NOW FOR THE ALMONDS Place the almonds in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

4. GOLDEN GNOCCHI Return the pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil and a knob of butter (optional). When hot, fry the cooked gnocchi in a single layer until golden, 2-4 minutes (shifting as they colour). Remove from the pan and set aside.

5. CHARRED CORN Return the pan to medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the corn until lightly charred, 3-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

6. LAYERS OF FLAVOUR In a bowl, loosen the mustard cream with the poaching liquid in 5ml increments until drizzling consistency. Add the biltong, the rinsed green leaves, the drained sun-dried tomatoes, the cooked gnocchi, the charred corn, and seasoning.

7. SENSATIONAL SALAD Plate up the biltong and gnocchi salad. Sprinkle over the cheese ribbons, top with the fanned pear, and scatter over the toasted nuts. Enjoy, Chef!

Nutritional Information

Per 100g

Energy	567kJ
Energy	136kcal
Protein	7.5g
Carbs	14g
of which sugars	4.8g
Fibre	3.8g
Fat	5.3g
of which saturated	2.2g
Sodium	282mg

Allergens

Egg, Gluten, Allium, Wheat, Sulphites,
Tree Nuts, Alcohol, Cow's Milk

Eat
Within
3 Days