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## Halloumi Paella

with risotto rice & piquanté peppers

Halloumi steals the show as the star of this vegetarian paella! Served with slow-cooked risotto rice in vegetable stock with onions, Spanish spices, garlic, and piquanté peppers. Finished off with a green salad, lemon juice, and toasted almonds. Curtains up!

Hands-on Time: 40 minutes

Overall Time: 55 minutes

**Serves:** 3 People

Chef: Kate Gomba

Veggie

Strandveld | First Sighting Sauvignon Blanc

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#### Ingredients & Prep

15ml

2 Onions peel & dice

Vegetable Stock

2 Garlic Cloves peel & grate 30ml NOMU Spanish Rub

Piquanté Peppers 60g drain

225ml Risotto Rice 300g Cooked Chopped Tomato

30g Almonds roughly chop

45ml Lemon Juice

240g Halloumi

Peas

slice into 1cm thick slabs

60g Green Leaves rinse

## From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

Tinfoil

150g

Salt & Pepper Water Paper Towel

1. FRY & SIMMER Boil a full kettle. Dilute the stock with 900ml of boiling water and set aside. Place a pan (large enough for the paella) over medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the diced onions until soft, 6-7 minutes. Add the grated garlic, the NOMU rub, and 1/2 the

Stir through the risotto rice until combined, 2-3 minutes. Mix through the

cooked chopped tomatoes and slowly add in the diluted stock. Bring to

a boil, reduce the heat to low, and gently simmer until the rice is al dente

2. TOASTY & NUTTY Place the chopped almonds in a pan over medium

3. ZESTY PEAS Once the paella is cooked, add ½ the lemon juice (to

taste) and season. Remove from the heat and stir through the peas. Cover

4. GOLDEN HALLOUMI Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of

oil. When hot, fry the halloumi slabs until crispy and golden, 1-2 minutes

5. SOME FRESHNESS In a bowl, combine the rinsed green leaves, 15ml

6. INDULGE Dish up your veggie paella. Scatter over the golden halloumi

and serve the dressed leaves alongside. Garnish with the remaining

per side. Drain on paper towel and cut into bite-sized pieces.

heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-4 minutes (shifting occasionally).

and all the stock has been absorbed, 20-25 minutes.

with tinfoil and allow the paella to steam, 5-8 minutes.

of olive oil, the remaining lemon juice, and seasoning.

peppers and the toasted almonds. Enjoy, Chef!

Remove from the pan and set aside.

drained peppers. Fry until fragrant, 2-3 minutes (shifting occasionally).

## **Chef's Tip**

The secret to a well cooked paella: never stir it, only stir when it's necessary!

#### Nutritional Information

Per 100g

Energy 637kI 152kcal Energy Protein 6.3g Carbs 17g of which sugars 4g Fibre 3.1g Fat 5.9g of which saturated 3.5g Sodium 340mg

### **Allergens**

Allium, Sulphites, Tree Nuts, Cow's Milk

Eat Within 3 Days