



# UCCOOK

## Ostrich Fillet & Pesto Orzo Salad

with caramelised onion & crispy chickpeas

**Hands-on Time:** 45 minutes

**Overall Time:** 50 minutes

**Fan Faves:** Serves 3 & 4

**Chef:** Kate Gomba

**Wine Pairing:** Stettyn Wines | Stettyn Family Range  
Merlot

### Nutritional Info

	Per 100g	Per Portion
Energy	563.1kJ	3632.3kJ
Energy	134.7kcal	869.1kcal
Protein	8.8g	56.6g
Carbs	11.7g	75.3g
of which sugars	2.5g	16g
Fibre	2.2g	13.9g
Fat	5g	32.5g
of which saturated	1.3g	8.3g
Sodium	125.3mg	808.3mg

**Allergens:** Egg, Gluten, Tree Nuts, Wheat, Cow's Milk, Allium

**Spice Level:** None

Eat Within 4 Days

## Ingredients & Prep Actions:

Serves 3	[Serves 4]	
360g	480g	Chickpeas <i>rinse &amp; drain</i>
150ml	200ml	Orzo Pasta
2	2	Onions <i>peel &amp; roughly slice 1½ [2]</i>
450g	600g	Free-range Ostrich Fillet
15ml	20ml	NOMU Roast Rub
2	2	Tomatoes <i>peel &amp; roughly dice 1½ [2]</i>
120ml	160ml	Pesto Princess Basil Pesto
30ml	40ml	Lemon Juice
60g	80g	Danish-style Feta <i>drain &amp; crumble</i>
8g	10g	Fresh Basil <i>rinse, pick &amp; roughly tear</i>

## From Your Kitchen

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

Seasoning (Salt & Pepper)

Water

Sugar/Sweetener/Honey

Paper Towel

Butter

**1. CRISPY CHICKPEAS** Place a pan (with a lid) over medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, toast the chickpeas until golden and crispy, 12-15 minutes (shifting occasionally). If they start to pop out, use a lid to rein them in. Remove from the pan and season. Alternatively, air fry at 200°C until crispy, 15-20 minutes (shifting halfway).

**2. ORZO** Submerge the orzo in a pot with salted water and bring to a boil. Cook the orzo until al dente, 8-12 minutes. Drain and toss through a drizzle of olive oil.

**3. SWEET ONIONS** Return the pan to medium heat with a drizzle of oil and a knob of butter (optional). When hot, fry the onion until soft and lightly golden, 6-8 minutes (shifting occasionally). In the final 1-2 minutes, add a sweetener (to taste). Remove from the pan.

**4. OSTRICH** Return the pan, wiped down, 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 and the NOMU rub. Remove from the pan and set aside to rest for 5 minutes before slicing and seasoning.

**5. ALL TOGETHER** In a bowl, combine the orzo, chickpeas, onions, tomatoes, basil pesto, lemon juice, and a generous drizzle of olive oil.

**6. DINNER IS READY** Bowl up the pesto orzo salad, top with the ostrich slices, sprinkle over the feta, and garnish with the basil. Cheers, Chef!