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Cajun Mince—Stuffed Gem Squash

with a bocconcini & sun-dried tomato salad

Hands-on Time: 40 minutes

Overall Time: 55 minutes

Carb Conscious: Serves 3 & 4

Chef: Megan Bure

Wine Pairing: Waterkloof | Revenant Wild Ferment Syrah

Nutritional Info

	Per 100g	Per Portion
Energy	436kJ	4081.2kJ
Energy	104.3kcal	976.3kcal
Protein	5.8g	54.2g
Carbs	7.4g	69.5g
of which sugars	2.7g	25.2g
Fibre	2.2g	20.7g
Fat	5g	46.7g
of which saturated	2g	18.4g
Sodium	82.9mg	775.9mg

Allergens: Sulphites, Cow's Milk, Allium

Spice Level: Mild

Eat Within 3 Days

Ingredients & Prep Actions:

Serves 3	[Serves 4]	
3	4	Gem Squash <i>rinse, halve & deseed</i>
360g	480g	Chickpeas <i>drain & rinse</i>
30g	40g	Pumpkin Seeds
2	2	Onions <i>peel & finely dice 1½ [2]</i>
2	2	Garlic Cloves <i>peel & grate</i>
450g	600g	Beef Mince
30ml	40ml	NOMU Cajun Rub
600ml	800ml	Tomato Passata
60g	80g	Salad Leaves <i>rinse & roughly shred</i>
60g	80g	Sun-dried Tomatoes <i>roughly chop</i>
9	12	Bocconcini Balls <i>drain & cut into quarters</i>

From Your Kitchen

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

1. GEMS IN THE OVEN Preheat the oven to 200°C. Place the gem squash on a roasting tray, cut-side up. Lightly drizzle with oil and season. Roast in the hot oven until soft, 30-35 minutes. Place the chickpeas into a bowl and toss with a drizzle of oil and seasoning. Set aside.

2. TOASTED SEEDS Place the pumpkin seeds in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 3-4 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside.

3. SAUCY MINCE Return the pan over medium heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, fry the onion until golden, 6-7 minutes (shifting occasionally). Add the garlic and fry until fragrant, 1-2 minutes (shifting constantly). Add the mince and work quickly to break it up as it starts to cook. Add the NOMU rub and fry until browned, 5-6 minutes (shifting occasionally). Pour in the tomato passata and 450ml [600ml] of water. Simmer until the sauce has reduced and thickened, 12-15 minutes (shifting occasionally). Stir through a sweetener (to taste) and seasoning. Remove from the heat, cover, and set aside.

4. GOLDEN CHICKPEAS When the gem squash reaches the halfway mark, remove the tray from the oven, pop a small knob of butter into each half, and scatter the chickpeas over the open space of the tray. Return to the oven for the remaining time.

5. QUICK SALAD In a salad bowl, toss together the salad leaves, sun-dried tomatoes, bocconcini, ½ the pumpkin seeds, a drizzle of olive oil, and seasoning. Set aside.

6. FINAL TOUCHES When the roast is done, scoop the gem squash flesh and chickpeas into the pan with the mince, reserving the empty shells. Mix until combined and refill the empty gem squash shells with the mince and gem squash mixture. Return to the oven to heat through, about 5 minutes.

7. DELISH DINNER Plate up the filled gem squash shells and serve the sun-dried tomato and bocconcini salad alongside. Serve any remaining filling on the side. Scatter over the remaining pumpkin seeds. Amazing, Chef!