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Vegetarian Eggplant Agrodolce Salad

with pistachios & black rice

This dish is dark, delectable, and delicious. An Italian sweet & sour sauce is poured over charred aubergine chunks served on black rice loaded with sun-dried tomatoes, feta, pistachios, dates, and chilli flakes. Velvety crème fraîche and sprinkles of mint & parsley elevate this dish to new heights.

Hands-on Time: 40 minutes

Overall Time: 55 minutes

Serves: 4 People

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Ingredients & Prep

1kg	Aubergine <i>rinse, trim & cut into bite-sized pieces</i>
60ml	NOMU Italian Rub
300ml	Black Rice <i>rinse</i>
20g	Mixed Herbs <i>(10g Fresh Mint & 10g Fresh Parsley)</i>
40g	Pistachio Nuts <i>roughly chop</i>
160ml	Crème Fraîche
80ml	Vinegar Mix <i>(60ml Balsamic Vinegar & 20ml Sherry Vinegar)</i>
30ml	Dried Chilli Flakes
160g	Sun-dried Tomatoes <i>drain & roughly chop</i>
120g	Pitted Dates <i>roughly chop</i>
200g	Danish-style Feta <i>drain & crumble</i>

From Your Kitchen

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

1. ON WITH THE AUBS Preheat the oven to 220°C. Spread the aubergine chunks on a roasting tray. Coat in oil, the NOMU rub, and seasoning. Roast in the hot oven until soft, 30-35 minutes (shifting halfway).

2. READY THE RICE Place the rinsed rice in a pot with 1,2L of salted water. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until the water has been absorbed, 30-35 minutes. Drain (if necessary) and cover.

3. HERBS & SAUCE Rinse, pick, and roughly chop the mixed herbs. Place the chopped pistachios in a pan over medium heat. Toast until golden brown, 2-3 minutes (shifting occasionally). Remove from the pan and set aside. In a small bowl, loosen the crème fraîche with water in 5ml increments until drizzling consistency.

4. PREP STEP In a bowl, combine the vinegar mix, 80ml of olive oil, 10ml of sweetener (to taste), and the chilli flakes (to taste). Mix until the sweetener has dissolved. Season and set aside.

5. TANGY, SWEET, NUTTY & FRESH Once the aubergine is done, place in a bowl. Toss through ½ the vinegar sauce and set aside. When the rice is done, add ½ the chopped sun-dried tomatoes, the chopped dates, ½ the toasted pistachios, ½ the chopped mixed herbs, and the remaining vinegar sauce.

6. A VEGGIE FEAST Plate up the loaded black rice and top with the aubergine pieces. Scatter over the crumbled feta and the remaining sun-dried tomatoes. Drizzle over the loosened crème fraîche. Garnish with the remaining pistachios and herbs. Bellissima, Chef!

Nutritional Information

Per 100g

Energy	701kJ
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Protein	4.5g
Carbs	21g
of which sugars	8.2g
Fibre	4.1g
Fat	7.7g
of which saturated	3.6g
Sodium	204mg

Allergens

Allium, Sulphites, Tree Nuts, Alcohol,
Cow's Milk

Eat
Within
4 Days