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COOKING MADE FASY

LEAN GAME & ANCIENT GRAIN

with spelt, pesto-infused ricotta & roast beetroot

Put a gazelle-like spring in your step with clean, natural nourishment: tender venison rump, spinach, rocket pesto ricotta, and spelt. Cultivated since 5000 BC, spelt is the unsung hero of superfoods.

Prep + Active Time: 25 minutes Total Cooking Time: 45 minutes

Serves: 2 people

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Ingredients

200 ml Spelt

10 ml Vegetable Stock

300g Beetroot

> rinsed, trimmed & cut into bitesize chunks

100g Fresh Spinach

rinsed & shredded

320 g Game Rump NOMU Coffee Rub 30 ml

100g Ricotta

30 ml Pesto Princess Rocket

Pesto

From Your Kitchen

Salt & Pepper Water Paper Towel

Butter

Oil (cooking, olive or coconut)

1. BEFORE YOU GET GOING

Read through the whole recipe. Remember, the prep instructions are now displayed in the ingredient list, directly under the item they apply to. So, you have the option to do all your prep at once before you start cooking, or bit by bit as you go through the recipe!

2. ANCIENT GRAIN

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Rinse the spelt and place in a pot with the vegetable stock and 600ml of water. Give it a stir and bring to the boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat and allow to simmer for 30-35 minutes. Stir occasionally as the water is absorbed, only adding more if required during the cooking process. On completion, the grain should be al dente. Drain if necessary, cover with a lid, and set aside to keep warm.

3. ROAST BEET ROOT

While the spelt is simmering, spread out the beetroot pieces on a roasting tray, coat in oil, and season. Roast in the hot oven for 30-35 minutes until cooked through and becoming crispy, shifting halfway.

4. SAUTÉTHE SPINACH

Place a nonstick pan (large enough for the steak) over a medium-high heat with a drizzle of oil. When hot, sauté the shredded spinach until wilted. Remove from the pan on completion and place in a bowl. Season to taste, cover with a plate to keep warm, and set aside.

5. PAN FRIED ST EAK

Wipe down the pan if necessary and return to a high heat with another drizzle of oil. Pat the steak dry with some paper towel. When the pan is hot, fry the steak for 6-8 minutes in total, shifting and turning as it colours until browned and cooked to your preference. (The time frame recommended will yield a medium-rare result.) In the final 1-2 minutes, add in a knob of butter and the Coffee Rub and use to baste the steak as it finishes cooking. Remove from the pan and set aside to rest for 3-5 minutes before slicing. Lightly season the slices.

6. RICOTTA DRESSING

Combine the ricotta and the rocket pesto in a bowl. Mix in water in 5ml increments until drizzling consistency. Season to taste and set aside for serving. Just before serving, toss the wilted spinach through the cooked spelt.

7. GRUB'S UP

Dish up a mound of spinach-loaded spelt, alongside the roast beetroot and rump steak slices. Finish off with a generous drizzle of the pestoinfused ricotta dressing. You've earned it, Chef!

Nutritional Information

Per 100g

