



# Cassoulet toulousain

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12 Hours Preparation time

3 hours Cooking time

4 serves Serves

### INGREDIENTS

#### Eight spice powder

20 g juniper berries 30 g whole star anise 15 g white peppercorns 15 g cinnamon quills 15 g cloves 1 pinch saffron threads 25 g salt 10 g cardamom pods

# Confit duck leg

4 duck legs
50 g sea salt
1 tablespoon eight spice
powder
1 sprig of thyme
1 bay leaf
1 kg duck fat
1 toulouse sausage

# Cassoulet

2 tablespoons duck fat 60 g bacon lardons (speck) 50 g onion, chopped 3 garlic cloves, crushed to a paste 2 tablespoons tomato paste 200 ml white wine 500 ml chicken stock 400 g cooked cannellini beans Bouquet garni (fresh parsley, bay leaf, 3 peppercorns, thyme) Sea Salt Freshly ground pepper 1/4 cup parsley, chopped

# Persillage

¼ cup panko breadcrumbs¼ cup flat leaf parsley,chopped1 teaspoon roasted garlicpuree

#### **To serve** 1 cup chicken stock, hot

Miele Accessories Gourmet oven dish Universal tray

### **Eight Spice Powder**

- 1. Grind all the spices to a fine powder in a spice grinder or pestle and mortar.
- 2. Toast the spices in a large pan over medium heat, Induction setting 6. Allow to cool.
- 3. Store in an airtight jar and use as required.

#### **Confit Duck Leg**

- 1. Trim the knuckle from leg bone and discard.
- 2. Grind the salt and spices together in a mortar and pestle. Sprinkle each duck leg with spice mix and herbs; leave to salt for 12 hours in the refrigerator.
- 3. Wipe salt from duck with kitchen paper.
- 4. Pre-heat oven on Fan Plus at 110°C.
- 5. Place duck into a medium gourmet oven dish, cover with duck fat, place in the oven on shelf position 2 and cook for 3 hours. The meat should nearly fall off the bone.
- 6. Once cooked, drain duck on a resting rack and leave to chill in the refrigerator.

#### Cassoulet

- 1. Heat the duck fat in a pan on a high heat, Induction setting 8. Add the bacon and cook until crisp, set aside.
- 2. Using the same pan, reduce the heat to medium-low, Induction setting 4-5. Add the onions and garlic and cook for 5-10 minutes until the onion is softened but not brown.
- 3. Add the tomato paste and cook for a further 5 minutes.
- 4. Add the wine to deglaze and cook until the liquid has evaporated.
- 5. Add the stock and beans along with the bouquet garni and seasoning. Cook for 2 minutes to infuse the flavour. Remove the bouquet garni.

#### **Toulouse Sausage**

- 1. Pre-heat oven on Fan Grill at 180°C.
- 2. Place sausage on the rack on the universal tray on shelf position 2 and cook for 15 minutes, being careful not to let it brown too much.
- 3. Slice into 1 cm thick slices.

#### Persillage

1. In a small bowl of a food processor, mix the bread crumbs with the parsley and roasted garlic. Blitz until a fine crumb and then set aside.

#### To serve

- 1. Combine the sausage slices with the cassoulet ingredients and extra chicken stock. Divide evenly into 4 heat proof serving bowls. Place bowls on the universal tray.
- 2. Pre-heat oven on Fan Grill at 180°C.
- 3. Divide the extra chicken stock between the bowls and heat the cassoulet under the grill for 8 minutes or until heated through, being careful not to dry out or brown too much.
- 4. Heat a non-stick pan on a high heat, Induction setting 8. Reduce heat to medium, Induction setting 6, heat the duck legs, skin side down until warmed through.
- 5. Sprinkle the bread crumb herb mix on top of the cassoulet and lightly brown under the grill and serve immediately.