



Peach melba mess

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90 minutes plus refrigeration time

Preparation time

6 hours

Cooking time

10-12 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Poached peaches

6 yellow peaches, medium sized
750 ml prosecco
125 ml (½ cup) water
330 g (1 ½ cups) caster sugar
1 orange, zest peeled into strips and juiced
1 vanilla bean, split

10 lemon verbena leaves

Raspberry ripple cream

150 g fresh raspberries25 g pure icing sugar500 ml pure cream 45% fat,lightly whipped

Raspberry meringues

125 g egg whites
(approximately 4 egg
whites)
220 g (1 cup) caster sugar
½ vanilla bean, scraped,
seeds removed
2 tbsp freeze dried
raspberry powder

To serve

1-2 punnets fresh raspberries, additional

METHOD

Raspberry meringues

- 1. Place the egg whites and caster sugar in an unperforated steam container. Cover with cling wrap, place into the steam oven and Steam at 65°C for 25 minutes, or until the sugar dissolves.
- 2. Tip the egg white mixture into a bowl of an electric mixer with whisk attachment. Add vanilla bean seed to meringue. Whisk on medium high speed for 5 minutes or until the meringue is glossy and forms firm peaks.
- 3. Fold through half the raspberry powder with a spatula, to form a ripple effect. Take care not to over-mix or the ripple effect will be lost.
- 4. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Using two dessert spoons, portion 10 meringues onto the tray. The texture can be quite rustic.
- 5. Sprinkle the remaining raspberry powder on the top. Place tray in the gourmet warming drawer on food setting 5 (approximately 85°C) for 4 hours or until crisp. The meringue should have a crisp exterior and a marshmallow interior.
- 6. Store cooled meringues in an air tight container and place in a dry, cool place until required. Meringues will keep for up to 3 weeks.

Poached peaches

- 1. Place prosecco, water, sugar, orange zest, juice and vanilla bean in a saucepan on high heat, Induction setting 9. Bring to the boil; boil for 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool for 5 minutes.
- 2. Place peaches in a deep, unperforated steam container. Pour over warm prosecco syrup, cover with foil and Steam at 100°C for 20 minutes.
- 3. Remove from the steam oven, add the lemon verbena leaves and allow the peaches to cool in the syrup overnight or until further use.
- 4. Peel skin from peaches once cooled. Peaches will keep stored in an airtight container or bottling jar for up to three weeks in the refrigerator.

Raspberry ripple cream

- 1. Place raspberries and icing sugar in a bowl of a food processor and blitz on high until it forms a thick puree.
- 2. Tip the puree into a bowl lined with a fine mesh sieve and strain the puree to remove all of the seeds, use the back of a large spoon to assist with this. Discard seeds.
- 3. Fold half the puree through whipped cream to form a ripple effect. Do not over mix. Chill until ready to assemble.

To serve

- 1. Using a sharp knife, cut a peach into eighths, depending on the size of the peaches.
- 2. In another bowl, crush half of the meringues into chunky pieces, reserve.
- 3. In stemless glasses or small bowls, spoon a tablespoon of raspberry cream into the bottom. Top with a piece of meringue, peach, fresh raspberry and a teaspoon of reserved raspberry puree. Place a second layer on top of the first until glass is half full.
- 4. Chill dessert until ready to serve.

Alternative appliance methods

• Meringues can also be cooked in the oven on Conventional at 85°C for 3-4 hours until crisp.

Hints and tips

- All elements of this dessert can be made in advance. If peaches are unavailable, substitute with nectarines or frozen raspberries. The dessert is best assembled a few hours before serving to allow the meringue to slightly soften. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.
- The meringue recipe can be successfully doubled to make a larger quantity.