



Sweet potato with spices and pistachio za'atar

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15 minutes + dehydrating

Preparation Time

30 minutes

Cooking Time

6 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Sweet potato

1.5 kg sweet potato; amixture of gold, red, purpleand white3 tbsp verjuice3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp salt flakes

2 tbsp oregano leaves,

finely chopped

2 tbsp thyme leaves, finely

chopped

3 tsp pistachio za'atar Black pepper, freshly

ground

Pistachio za'atar

10 sprigs oregano, washed and dried

10 sprigs thyme, washed and dried

15 g ground sumac

30 g sesame seeds,

toasted

100 g pistachio kernels, toasted and chopped

10 g salt flakes

To serve

Extra verjuice and extra virgin olive oil ½ cup mint leaves, roughly chopped

Miele Accessories

Perforated baking tray Universal tray

METHOD

Pistachio za'atar

- 1. Place half of the thyme and oregano onto a Perforated baking tray. Place into the Oven and dehydrate on Fan Plus at 80°C for 4-5 hours until crisp and dry.
- 2. Crumble the dried leaves into a mixing bowl, discarding the stems. Blend together with the remaining ingredients. Store in an airtight container until needed.

Sweet potato

- 1. Pre-heat Oven on Moisture Plus at 200°C with 1 manual burst of steam.
- 2. Cut into 2-3 cm thick pieces and place in mixing bowl. Toss with a little verjuice as you go to stop the oxidisation process.
- 3. Add olive oil and salt flakes and toss well to coat. Transfer to a universal tray and place into the Oven on shelf position 2. Release the burst of steam immediately. Bake for 20 minutes.
- 4. Remove from the Oven and turn the pieces of sweet potato over. Drizzle with a little extra verjuice and return. Bake for a further 10 minutes until evenly browned.

To serve

- 1. While still hot, toss sweet potato with pistachio za'atar. Dress with verjuice and olive oil to taste.
- 2. Transfer to a warm serving bowl. Garnish with fresh mint just before serving.

Hints and tips

- There are 4 different types of sweet potato grown; gold, red, purple and white. These are available from green grocers and supermarkets.
- White and purple sweet potato are naturally high in sugar, pay close attention to ensure that they do not burn.
- Sweet potato is known in New Zealand as kumara.