



Scallops baked in bread

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1 hour

Prep time

20 minutes

Cooking time

8 Servings

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INGREDIENTS

Dough

390 g spelt flour 1 teaspoon olive oil 6 g salt ½ teaspoon sugar 10 g fresh yeast 280 ml water

Scallops

24 large scallops in shells with roe Sea Salt and freshly ground black pepper

150 ml fish stock

1 clove garlic, crushed

2 tarragon leaves

½ cup bulb finger fennel (or baby

fennel), finely diced

1/4 cup of carrot, peeled and finely

diced

1/4 cup stick celery, finely diced

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup leek, finely julienned

 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup zucchini, core removed, finely

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40 ml white wine

20 ml vermouth (Noilly Pratt)

1/4 teaspoon Murray River Sea Salt

25 g butter

teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon lemon juice

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 egg, lightly beaten

METHOD

Dough

- 1. Combine all ingredients a bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. Work the dough on speed 3 for 15 minutes.
- 2. Pre-heat the oven on conventional at 40°C. Transfer the dough to a lightly greased bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Prove in the oven for 40 minutes or until doubled in size.
- 3. Place the dough on a clean, floured work surface and knead for 5 minutes. Set aside.

Scallops

- Remove the scallops from their shell and separate the roe from the scallop. Season the roe and pierce once
 with the point of a paring knife. This will prevent the roe from curling during the cooking process. Set aside in
 the refrigerator until required.
- 2. Clean 8 shells with a brush and soapy water or clean in a dishwasher.
- 3. Place the fish stock in a pan on medium heat, Induction setting 6-7 and bring slowly to the boil. Add the garlic and tarragon leaves.
- 4. Add the fennel and cook for 1 minute before adding the carrot, celery, leek and zucchini. Cook for a further minute. Scoop the vegetables from the stock and set aside in a bowl to cool. Reserve stock.
- 5. Place the reserved stock in a medium pan with the wine and vermouth, bring to the boil, cook until the liquid has reduced to of the original amount. Gradually whisk in the butter a little at a time, until the sauce has thickened and is smooth and shiny.
- 6. Season the sauce with salt, cayenne and a little lemon juice and set aside.
- 7. Heat olive oil in a small frypan on medium heat, Induction setting 6-7. Add the olive oil to the pan along with the scallop roe and fry for 30 seconds. Set aside.
- 8. Using aluminium foil, tear off small strips of foil and scrunch into a log shape. Turn into a circle and sit the cleaned shells (2 per person) on top to stabilise during cooking.

To serve

- 1. Evenly distribute the vegetable mix into the base of each shell. Place 3 scallops and 3 roe on top of the vegetables. Season with salt and pepper.
- 2. Brush the edges of the shells with egg.
- 3. Spoon a generous amount of the cooled sauce over the scallops.
- 4. Pre-heat the oven on Fan Plus at 180°C.
- 5. Portion the dough into 40 g pieces. Roll dough into rounds on a lightly floured surface big enough to be 2 cm larger than the diameter of the shell.
- 6. Place discs of dough onto each shell and press to seal around the edges.
- 7. Brush the top of the dough with egg and bake for 10 minutes or until crisp and golden in colour.
- 8. Serve immediately.

Hints and tips

Spelt bread dough leftovers can be made into bread rolls.