



Grilled kumara with medjool date and buckwheat crunch

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25 minutes, plus 1 day marinating

Preparation time

55 minutes

Cooking time

4

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Kumara

1 kg kumara (sweet potato), scrubbed Neutral oil Fine sea salt

Medjool dates

150 g medjool dates
40 g date syrup
2 tbsp water
½ tsp ground cumin
2 tsp sherry vinegar
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1 tsp salt flakes

Buckwheat crunch

2 tbsp buckwheat groats
1 tbsp pumpkin seeds
2 tsp sunflower seeds
2 tsp poppy seeds
½ tsp salt flakes
Pinch chilli flakes

METHOD

Medjool dates

- 1. Slice the dates lengthwise, remove the stone and cut again lengthwise to give you four pieces.
- 2. Roll each piece end to end and shape into a ball with your hands.
- 3. Place the remaining ingredients into a small saucepan and bring to a simmer on medium-high heat induction setting 7 for 1 minute, pour over the dates. Cool and keep in the refrigerator.
- 4. Allow the dates to marinate for a day if you can.
- 5. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Kumara

- 1. Place whole kumara into a perforated steam container. Place in the steam oven and Steam at 100°C for 45 minutes, or until cooked. If ready, you should be able to push a metal skewer through easily. Allow to cool completely in the refrigerator.
- 2. Cut down the middle of the kumara lengthwise and lightly brush oil on the cut surfaces and season with fine sea salt.
- 3. Preheat the griddle plate for 5 minutes on medium-high heat, induction setting 7.
- 4. Place the kumara on the griddle plate, cut side down and cook for 5–10 minutes, or until blackened. Carefully turn over and grill the skin side for an additional 3 minutes.

Buckwheat crunch

1. In a medium frying pan, add the buckwheat groats, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds and poppy seeds and cook on medium heat, induction setting 6 for 5-7 minutes until lightly toasted. Add the salt and chilli flakes.

To serve

- 1. Arrange the kumara on a serving platter and place the dates with their dressing over the top.
- 2. Sprinkle the buckwheat crunch and flat leaf parsley over the kumara.

Hints and tips

- The steaming time for the kumara is based on a maximum diameter of 8 cm, if the kumara is larger, it will require a longer cooking time.
- The kumara can be served at room temperature.
- Any remaining buckwheat crunch can be added to many other salads, steamed and roasted vegetables.
- Orange kumara (beauregard), or often called sweet potato, can be substituted for other types of kumara.
- Dark agave can be substituted for date syrup.