



Very vanilla cheesecake

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20 minutes

Preparation time

1 hour 20 minutes, plus cooling time and setting time

Cooking time

12 serves

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Base

180 g (1 ½ cups) almond meal 55 g (¼ cup) caster sugar 35 g (¼ cup) plain flour 80 g unsalted butter, melted

Filling

5 eggs

330 g cream cheese, chopped and softened 400 g fresh ricotta 240 g (1 cup) sour cream 295 g (1 ? cups) caster sugar 1 tbsp vanilla bean paste 1 tbsp cornflour (cornstarch) 1 tbsp water

Vanilla cream

180 ml (¾ cup) double (thick) cream 1 tsp vanilla bean paste

To serve

Icing sugar, to dust Blueberries, halved

METHOD

Base

- 1. Preheat the combi steam Pro oven on Intensive Bake at 150°C, with the baking and roasting rack on shelf level 2.
- 2. Lightly grease a 22 cm round spring form cake tin and line the base with non-stick baking paper. Set aside.
- 3. Place the almond meal, sugar, flour and butter in a bowl and mix to combine. Using the back of a spoon, press the mixture into the base of the prepared tin.
- 4. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden and just cooked. Set aside to cool slightly.
- 5. While the base is baking, make the filling.

Filling

- 1. Place the cream cheese, ricotta, sour cream, sugar and vanilla in a food processor and process until smooth. Place the cornflour and water in a small bowl and mix until smooth. Add the cornflour mixture and the eggs to the filling and process to combine.
- 2. Pour the filling over the base, tapping gently to remove any air bubbles.
- 3. Change oven settings to Combi mode: Fan Plus at 150°C + 40% moisture. Bake for 50 minutes 1 hour or until light golden and just set. Allow to cool in the closed oven for 50 minutes.
- 4. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until well chilled. Remove the cheesecake from the tin and place on a cake stand or plate.

Vanilla cream

1. Place the cream and vanilla in a bowl and mix to combine.

To serve

1. Serve the cheesecake with vanilla cream and top with blueberries.