



Ash-crusted Raukumara venison loin, beetroot textures, cherry granola, black pudding crumb, potato espuma

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10 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

1 kg venison loin, trimmed and portioned

Ash Crust

tablespoon dried oregano
teaspoon cayenne
pepper
tablespoon dried thyme
tablespoons smoked
paprika
tablespoon onion powder
tablespoon garlic powder
leeks

Oat crumble

2 tablespoons olive oil 1/4 cup finely diced shallots 2 cups rolled oats, lightly toasted 1/4 cup sugar 1 tablespoon salt 1 teaspoon sprigs of fresh thyme, finely chopped 50 g toasted pine nuts, chopped 50 g toasted pistachios, chopped 60 g toasted hazelnuts, chopped 1 tablespoon dried cranberries, chopped 1 tablespoon freeze-dried cherries, chopped

Beetroot puree

500 g beetroot cooked, peeled, diced 1 teaspoon ground cumin 1 teaspoon ground coriander 1 teaspoon ground fennel ½ teaspoon Ghinese five spice powder 1 teaspoon garam masala 2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar 2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar 2 tablespoon olive oil Salt White pepper

Pickled beetroot slices

50 g red medium-sized beetroot 100 ml white wine 100 ml port 100 ml raspberry vinegar 100 g brown sugar 2 sprigs of thyme 3 bay leaves

Roasted baby beetroots

18 baby beetroots Toasted cumin seeds and olive oil, for sautéing

Potato espuma

500 g potatoes 250 ml cream 60 g butter 1.5 g xanthan gum 2.5 g iota 200 ml chicken stock 12 g salt

Black pudding crumb

300 g black pudding

METHOD

Ash Crust

- 1. Over a flame, burn the tops of the leeks to create an ash. Then combine all the ingredients, together with the leek ash, in a bowl and mix well.
- 2. Store in an airtight container.

Potato Espuma

- 1. Place the whole potato (or potatoes) onto a perforated steam tray and place in the steam oven. Steam at 100°C for 40 minutes.
- 2. Remove from the steam oven, cool and then peel potatoes.
- 3. In a medium saucepan bring the rest of the ingredients to the boil on high heat, Induction setting 7. Remove from the heat.
- 4. Place the potatoes and cream mix into a food processor and blend.
- 5. Pass through a fine sieve to create a smooth, silky puree.

Black Pudding Crumb

- 1. Finely chop the black pudding and cook in a dry non-stick frying pan over medium heat, Induction setting 5.
- 2. Mash it into crumbs with a fork as it softens and then fry until it just starts to crisp (1-2 minutes).
- 3. Set aside and keep warm.

Oat Crumble

- 1. Heat the olive oil in large sauté pan on medium heat, Induction setting 6, then add shallots and sweat until translucent.
- 2. Add the oats, sugar, salt and thyme and sauté for a further 2 minutes.
- 3. Transfer to a baking tray and place in the oven on Fan Plus at 160°C. Bake until golden, stirring occasionally.
- 4. Cool to room temperature and add the nuts and berries.

Betroot Puree

1. Blend all the ingredients to a smooth puree when the beetroot is still warm. You may need to add some water to thin the puree to the right consistency.

Pickled Beetroot Slices

- 1. Peel the beetroot and slice to a thickness of 2 mm.
- 2. In a saucepan, bring the remaining ingredients to the boil on high heat, Induction setting 8, then remove from the heat.
- 3. Pour the liquid over the beetroot and place in the refrigerator to pickle for 4 hours or more.

Roasted Baby Beetroots

- 1. Place the beetroot on a baking tray and season generously with salt.
- 2. Place in the oven on Fan Plus at 180°C and cook for approximately 30 minutes or until a knife runs easily through the middle, but is only just cooked in the centre.
- 3. Once cooked, remove the beetroot from the oven and allow to cool slightly.
- 4. While still warm, peel the beetroot using a small knife to remove the skins, stem and any fibrous root at the end. Cut the beetroots in half.
- 5. When ready to serve, sauté the baby beetroots in olive oil with salt and pepper and toasted cumin seeds.

To Serve

- Season the venison in the ash crust and put to one side. Sear in a pre-heated pan on high heat, Induction setting 8. Remove from the heat and place in the oven on Fan Plus at 180°C and cook for 8 minutes. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before serving.
- 2. Place a line of the oat crumble to one side of the plate. Top with 3 pickled beetroot folded in half and 2 roasted Beetroot in between.
- 3. Spoon the beetroot puree in the centre of the plate and place the venison on top.
- 4. Serve with the potato espuma topped with the black pudding.

Note

- The ash crust, oat crumble and pickled beetroot can all be made a few days ahead of time.
- Black pudding crumb can be made ahead of time and kept in an airtight container.