



Slow baked king salmon, yoghurt dressing with melon and pomegranate salad

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1 hour, 30 minutes Preparation time

30 minutes Cooking time

10 servings Serves

INGREDIENTS

Yoghurt & tahini dressing 170 g store-bought or home-made natural yoghurt 3 tbsp tahini 1 clove garlic, crushed with 1 tsp sea salt 50 g coriander leaves, very finely shredded 1 long red chilli, seeded and very finely diced ½ tsp ground sumac Juice of 1 lemon

Salmon

1 tsp finely grated lemon zest
1 tsp finely grated orange zest
1 x 1 kg side salmon, pin-boned, skin on
Olive oil for brushing
50 g salt

Melon and pomegranate salad

1 cup pistachio kernels 400 g baby cucumbers, unpeeled, diced 200 g green seedless grapes, halved 1 small bulb fennel, thinly cut 1 small red onion, thinly sliced then washed in cold water 1/2 radicchio lettuce broken 300 g watermelon, diced 1/2 cup (loosely packed) mint, shredded 2 tbsp pomegranate seeds Juice of 1/2 lemon 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil Salt and pepper 160 g shaved halloumi Watercress to garnish

METHOD

Yoghurt and tahini dressing

1. Mix all ingredients together and set aside.

Salmon

- 1. Combine the lemon and orange zest.
- 2. Brush the salmon with olive oil and season all over with salt and citrus mix. Cover and refrigerate for 45 minutes.
- 3. Pre-heat oven on Fan Plus at 100°C.
- 4. Remove salmon from the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature.
- 5. Wrap the salmon in baking paper and place skin side down on a baking tray.
- 6. Place in the oven on shelf position 2 and bake for 10 minutes.
- 7. Remove from the oven and turn the salmon skin side up.
- 8. Return to the oven for a further 10 minutes.
- 9. Remove from the oven and leave to rest on the tray for 10 minutes.
- 10. Unwrap and discard the paper. Peel away the skin, then gently scrape away all of zest.

Melon and pomegranate salad

- 1. Pre-heat oven on Fan Plus at 160°C.
- 2. Scatter pistachios on a baking tray and roast, shaking occasionally, until just golden, 5-10 minutes.
- 3. Remove pistachios from the oven and allow to cool before coarsely chopping. Set aside.
- 4. Combine cucumbers, grapes, fennel, onion, lettuce, melon and mint in a bowl.
- 5. Add pomegranate seeds, drizzle with lemon juice and olive oil, season to taste and gently toss.

To serve

- 1. Place salmon on a large platter, spoon dressing on top, then gently place salad on top.
- 2. Add pistachio and shaved halloumi, then watercress and serve at room temperature.