

## **Beef & Tomato Sausage Pasta**

Serves: 4

Prepare: 5 Minutes Cook: 50 Minutes Difficulty: easy

## Ingredients

- 6 x organic beef & tomato sausages
- 500g mafalda corta pasta
- 300g plum tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 sweet pointed peppers, halved and deseeded
- 1 tbsp za'atar
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme
- 1 garlic clove, roughly chopped
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- ½ tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 100g hazelnuts
- 150g pecorino
- · handful fresh basil

## Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 200c
- 2. For the Pesto: Cut the tomatoes and peppers in half then place them in a deep roasting tin. Drizzle with oil and sprinkle the herbs on top. Scatter the chopped garlic then place in the middle of the oven and roast for 45 minutes
- 3. Once cooked, transfer the roast vegetables to a food processor along with Fresh Basil, hazelnuts, and Pecorino. Process until you form a smooth paste then taste (you may need to add some balsamic vinegar to balance the sweetness). Pulse again then transfer the pesto to a container (you can store it in the fridge for up to 5 days)
- 4. In a frying pan, add a drop of oil and fry up the sausages. Make sure they are cooked through before removing from heat and slicing into chunky discs. Place to one side
- 5. Bring a pan of salted water to the boil and cook the Mafalda Corta pasta for 10-12 minutes until Al Dente. Drain the pasta before returning to the pan and adding the sausage and a tablespoon or two of the Pesto, stirring to ensure the pasta is lightly coated
- 6. Garnish with ripped Basil and serve hot