

Roast Leg of Lamb with Wild Garlic Salsa Verde

Pair our sublime leg of lamb with wild garlic salsa verde for a different take on the classic Easter dish.

Serves: 10 Prepare: 30 Minutes Cook: 1 Hour 30 Minutes Difficulty: medium

Ingredients

- 2.5kg organic leg of lamb (on the bone)
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary, chopped finely
- 1 bulb of garlic
- zest of 1 lemon
- 4tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 1kg maris piper potatoes, peeled and halved
- 300g spring greens, washed and finely sliced

Salsa Verde

- handful fresh basil
- handful fresh parsley
- handful fresh mint
- handful wild garlic
- 1 tsp capers
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 6 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp dijon mustard

Method

- 1. Bring the lamb leg to room temperature, preheat your oven to200°C/400°F/gas 6 and place a large roasting tray in the oven
- 2. In a mixing bowl, add half of the chopped rosemary, lemon zest, four cloves of crushed garlic and olive oil. Mix well and set marinade aside
- 3. Season the lamb well with freshly ground black pepper and sea salt. Generously coat the lamb on all sides with the marinade and place it in the oven directly on a wire rack above the tray
- 4. Parboil the potatoes in salted water, drain and allow to steam dry. Then add potatoes to the hot tray along with the remaining rosemary, whole garlic cloves, salt, pepper and a drizzle of olive oil
- 5. Return the tray to the oven, place under the lamb, allowing the potatoes to catch the lamb cooking juices
- 6. Cook lamb for 1.5 hours to achieve pink, tender meat. If you have a meat thermometer, aim for an internal temp of around 60-65°C for medium-rare. If you prefer it slightly more done, aim for 65-70°C
- 7. Whilst the lamb is cooking, sauté the spring greens in a saucepan with a little olive oil and seasoning till tender and vibrant green in colour
- 8. To make the salsa verde, pick the herb leaves and finely chop with capers and wild garlic. Add to a mixing bowl along with the mustard and red wine vinegar. Slowly start adding olive oil, whisking till you have the desired consistency
- 9. Once the lamb is cooked, remove from the oven and allow to rest for around 15-20 minutes
- 10. Serve with roast potatoes, spring greens and salsa verde