

Otago Farmers Market

Every Saturday morning at the Dunedin Railway Station

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Recipes for Saturday April 13th, 2013

FENNEL BAKED WITH PARMESAN AND BUTTER Serves 2

Fennel is still a hidden gem in our cuisine and one that with a little confidence can truly bring a whole new meaning to flavour! Fennel loves pork, cheese, chicken and of course fish.

Ingredients

2 heads fresh fennel and the leaves 25g butter 1 clove garlic, sliced thinly Small knob of fresh ginger, sliced thinly ¼ cup white wine or water 25 g freshly grated parmesan cheese 2-4 Tbsp fresh breadcrumbs or panko crumbs 4 Tbsp fresh cream Salt and freshly ground pepper 1 – 2 tsp fresh fennel leaves Method

Heat the oven to 180C.Place a heat proof oven dish which can handle direct heat onto the stove and heat gently, add the butter and allow to bubble. Remove any fennel leaves from the fennel and cut the fennel bulb in half from top to bottom, removing any discoloured leaves. Place the cut side of the fennel directly into butter and allow this side to go a sticky golden colour (about 5 minutes). Add the ginger and garlic and turn over the fennel, sprinkle with salt and pepper and a scattering of fennel leaves. Pour in the wine or water and cover loosely with foil.

Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until the fennel is tender. Remove the foil and discard.

Sprinkle over the breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese, drizzle over the cream and grind a little more pepper over it all. Place under a hot grill for 5 minutes or until the top is bubbling, golden and crisp!

1kg pumpkin, chopped roughly, but evenly
1 onion, medium
½ tsp ginger, sliced thinly
2 Tsp Curry Powder – 2 tsp
2 cups water approximately
Freshly ground pepper
Natural yoghurt for serving (optional)

INDIAN SPICED PUMPKIN SOUP

1 Tbsp oil 2 cloves garlic, sliced ¹/₂ tsp Cumin Seeds 1 Vegetable Stock Cube Salt. to taste 2 Tbsp fresh coriander

Method

Ingredients

Add the oil to a large heavy-based pot and add the cumin seeds first and let pop, add the ginger, garlic and onion and sauté until light brown. Add pumpkin pieces and sauté for a further two minutes, add the curry powder and mix well. Add enough water to just cover pumpkin, add stock and coriander stalks. Cover with lid and cook for 20 minutes or until pumpkin is tender.

Well the weather has changed and so are the dishes, gone are the salads and here

are the soups. This hs a few warming spices in it to make a change from the norm.

Cool soup a little and blend until smooth. Return to clean pot and adjust seasoning and consistency. Simmer for 3-4 minutes or until hot add chopped coriander and serve with a little dollop of yoghurt is desired.

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Sprinkle over a little more fennel leaves and serve immediately.

PORK MEDALLIONS WITH GRILLED BACON Serves 6

This dish is delicious and a bit more involved than I usually do but when you have fantastic pork combined with fantastic garlic it makes a fantastic meal!

Ingredients

18 garlic cloves
8-10 Tbsp olive oil
6 rashers bacon
6 x 200g portions of pork scotch fillet or something similar
175 ml white wine
6 sage leaves, (or thyme, fresh bay leaves work just as well).
25g unsalted butter (cold)
Salt and pepper

Method

Place the whole garlic in a small pot and cover with the olive oil, cook over a very low heat for about 40 minutes, until the garlic is tender. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside to cool. Then remove the garlic with a slotted spoon and set aside. Reserve the garlic-flavoured oil. Heat two tablespoons of oil in another fry pan and add the lightly seasoned pork steaks, and bacon. Brown on both sides of pork and bacon and add the white wine, sage leaves and bring to the boil and cook until reduced. Add half the butter and cook for a further 5 minutes, then season with salt and pepper.

To serve – Warm up your plates and place one scotch fillet on each plate along with a rasher of bacon, drizzle over the sauce and sprinkle over the garlic. Serve immediately.

It would be great with the fennel!

Thanks to the following vendors for their fantastic produce

ROSEDALE ORCHARDS – pumpkin and corn BRYDONE ORGANICS - fennel HARWARDEN ORGANICS – variety of grapes HAVOC PORK – scotch fillet and bacon KUTASH GARDENS – garlic bulbs and horseradish



ROASTED GRAPES

This I know may sound a little crazy roasting grapes, but it works surprisingly well. Harwarden Organics have wine grapes of different varieties such as pinot noir, muscat and Gewurztraminer which are fantastic and when roasted the sugars seem to intensify and make these little morsels explode with flavour.

Method

Heat the oven to 200C

Take a small cluster of red, seedless grapes and gently toss it in a bowl with 1 tsp. of extra virgin olive oil, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place cluster on a baking tray and roast for 8-10 minutes. The grapes will puff-up, darken in spots, and begin to blister. Serve with a good cheese, fresh bread or simply on their own.

Enjoy them while they're still warm!

RASPBERRY, OATS AND CREAM PUDDING Serves 4 Ingredients

40g rolled oats 2 Tbsp brown sugar 200g raspberries, fresh or frozen (defrosted) 250ml cream, lightly whipped 200ml Greek yoghurt 2 Tbsp runny honey 2 Tbsp malt whisky (optional)

Method

Scatter the rolled oats over a baking tray and sprinkle over the brown sugar, mix lightly to combine and place under a hot grill for a few minutes until it smells warm and nutty and the sugar starts to caramelise. Remove and set aside.

Crush 100g of raspberries with a fork. Whip the cream until thick, then stir in the yoghurt and honey also add the whisky if using. Add the crushed raspberries, stirring gently, then the same weight of whole raspberries. Lastly, fold in the toasted oatmeal and spoon into small glasses. Serve.