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Roast Lamb Shoulder – Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1KG Lamb shoulder -bone in
- 30g Toasted ground cumin
- 30g Toasted ground coriander
- 8 Garlic cloves
- 1 Large bunch thyme
- 1 Large bunch rosemary
- 1 Large tablespoon butter
- Fine salt



Instructions:

- 1. Rub the lamb in the spices, salt and place in a casserole dish.
- 2. Place thyme and rosemary in the casserole dish along with the smashed garlic cloves.
- 3. Cover with foil.
- 4. Cook at 140 degrees Celsius for 4 hours while covered, checking periodically.
- 5. After the third hour add the large tablespoon of butter on top of the shoulder.
- 6. Uncover after 4 hours and increase the temperature of the oven to 160 degrees Celsius to give the shoulder some colour.

Afrisotto – Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1kg Maize rice
- 300g softened butter
- 200g grated Parmesan
- 50g Parmesan for garnish
- Salt to taste
- Lemon juice to taste



Instructions:

- 1. Bring 1 liter of salted water to the boil.
- 2. Once boiling whisk in the maize rice to avoid clumping.
- 3. Boil on a low heat, covered until the maize rice is cooked but still has some chew, all the water should be absorbed.
- 4. Uncover and allow it to sit for 15min.
- 5. Add the butter in 3rds while stirring with a wooden spoon, you may need to add a little bit of water to loosen it. It should resemble cooked oats.
- 6. Once all the butter is added stir in the grated cheese and season with salt and lemon.
- 7. Serve with Parmesan.

Tomato Salad – Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1kg Baby tomatoes
- 1 Large white onion
- 250ml Balsamic vinegar
- 150g Sugar
- 2 Sprigs rosemary
- 50g Sweet Italian basil
- 100ml Olive oil
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste



Instructions:

- 1. Bring 1 liter of salted water to the boil.
- 2. In a separate pan add the balsamic vinegar, sugar and rosemary to a medium heat.
- 3. Cut the white onion from top to tail in half, cut the halves 3 more times in half following the same direction. (It should resemble petals)
- 4. Add the onion to the balsamic pan making sure to stir occasionally so the onion cooks evenly.
- 5. The onions should be dark brown and a balsamic syrup should have formed in the pan.
- 6. Allow to cool.
- 7. Make a small cross with a sharp knife at the top of each tomato just puncturing the skin.
- 8. When the water is rapidly boiling drop half your tomatoes into the water for 10 seconds.
- 9. The skin should crack along the cross.
- 10. Quickly remove the tomatoes and add to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. 11. The skin of the tomato should peel off easily.
- 12. Add the peeled tomatoes to a bowl, toss with olive oil, black pepper and salt. 13. Use the onion petals to garnish the top of the dressed tomatoes.
- 14. Tear the basil leaves and layer them on top of the salad.

Whole Roasted Cauliflower – Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1 Whole cauliflower
- 300g Butter softened
- 50g Rosemary - 50g Thyme

- 150g Toasted almonds
- 1 Lemon
- Salt to taste

Instructions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 160 degrees celcius.
- 2. Place the whole head of cauliflower into an oven safe dish or pan on top of the herbs.
- 3. Cover the cauliflower in the softened butter and a generous pinch of salt. 4. Place the pan in the oven and baste periodically with the butter at the bottom of the pan.
- 5. Once golden and cooked through grate the zest of half the lemon and squeeze the juice into
- the butter and baste before serving. 6. Sprinkle the toasted almonds on the top.

