



INGREDIENTS

Filling

2 tbsp raisins
2 tbsp Maggie Beer Verjuice
75 g baby spinach
1 medium red onion, finely chopped
½ tsp fennel seeds, toasted
2 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Salt flakes and pepper, to taste
4 tbsp pine nuts, toasted
40 g parmesan, grated
6 sheets filo pastry
80 g butter, melted

Filo parcels with raisins and pine nuts

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30 minutes Preparation time

20 minutes Cooking time

6 servings Serves

Miele accessories

Baking tray Perforated steam container

METHOD

Filling

- 1. Place raisins in a small bowl with the Verjuice and stand for 1-2 hours to rehydrate.
- 2. Place the baby spinach in a perforated steam container and Steam at 80°C for 1 minute.
- 3. Remove the spinach from the steam oven and tip off any condensation, chop finely and set aside.
- 4. Add the onion and fennel seeds to a heavy based saucepan along with the olive oil and a little salt and pepper.
- 5. Sauté for 10–15 minutes over low heat, induction setting 3-4, until tender and sweet, stirring regularly to avoid caramelisation.
- 6. Remove the plump raisins from the Verjuice and roughly chop, reserve the Verjuice.
- 7. When the onions are cooked through, add the Verjuice to the pan to deglaze then remove from heat.
- 8. When the onions have cooled slightly, add the chopped raisins, pine nuts, spinach and parmesan then stir to combine.

Filo parcels

- 1. Working with one sheet at a time, brush the entire surface of the filo liberally with melted butter then fold in half, bringing the short edges together. Using a sharp knife or pizza wheel cut the pastry in half on the long edge to make two rectangles.
- 2. One rectangle at a time; brush the pastry again with melted butter and with the short edge facing you place a tablespoon full, approximately 30 g, of filling at the front then roll and fold the ends under like a parcel. Place onto a paper lined baking tray seam side down and brush lightly with butter. Repeat with the remaining pastry and filling.
- 3. Place into the combi steam Pro oven on shelf position 2 and bake on Combination mode with the following settings: Stage 1: Fan Plus at 180°C + 20 minutes + 45% moisture.
- 4. The parcels should be golden brown and crisp, remove from the Oven and cool on a wire rack. Serve warm as a canapé.

Notes

- When working with filo pastry it is important to not let the pastry dry out. To avoid this, dampen a clean tea towel or kitchen cloth and lay over the pastry while preparing the rolls.
- Filo parcels can be made in advance and frozen. To cook from frozen, extend the cooking time by 8 minutes.