



Buttermilk scones with mixed berry conserve

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10 minutes

Preparation time

30 minutes

Cooking time

20-30 servings

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Buttermilk scones

1 kg self-raising flour 1 tsp baking powder 600 ml cream 400 ml buttermilk Extra flour for dusting Extra milk for brushing

Mixed berry conserve

250 g strawberries, hulled, cut in half 250 g raspberries 250 g blackcurrants, stalks removed 250 g redcurrants or blueberries 1 vanilla pod, cut in half, seeds scraped 1 lemon juice and zest 1kg jam sugar

To serve

Crème fraîche

METHOD

Mixed berry conserve

- 1. Place clean jars and lids, upside down, into a perforated steam container and sterilise in the steam oven on 100°C for 15 minutes.
- 2. In a large stainless steel mixing bowl, combine the fruit, vanilla seeds, lemon zest and juice.
- 3. Add a third of the sugar and gently pulse using a stick blender.
- 4. Once some of the juice and syrup has formed, add the remaining sugar and continue to pulse. Blend the berries to the level of consistency you prefer your conserve.
- 5. Place into a large pot on high heat, induction setting 7, and bring to the boil.
- 6. Once the mixture has reached boiling point, remove from heat.
- 7. Remove sterilised jars from the steam oven and carefully fill the jars, leaving a small space at the top.
- 8. Gently secure the jars with the lids and place into a perforated steam container and Steam at 100°C for 20 minutes. Leave the door closed and the jam resting in the steam oven for an additional 20 minutes.
- 9. The jars will seal tightly during the cooking process.
- 10. Leave to cool at room temperature.

Scones

- 1. Preheat oven on Conventional at 200°C.
- 2. In a large mixing bowl, sift flour and baking powder.
- 3. In a separate jug, combine cream and buttermilk.
- 4. Make a well in the centre of the flour and pour in cream mixture.
- 5. Using a spatula or your hands, lightly bring together to form a wet dough.
- 6. Dust kitchen bench with flour and gently roll out dough to a 3cm thickness.
- 7. Cut out scones using a pastry cutter approximately 3-4cm in diameter.
- 8. Place scones onto a greased baking tray with a small gap between each one.
- 9. Allow offcuts to rest for a few minutes before re-rolling until all dough is used.
- 10. Brush the tops of the scones lightly with milk before placing into the Oven.
- 11. Bake on shelf level 3 for 25-30 minutes until golden brown.

To serve

1. Serve scones with mixed berry conserve and crème fraiche.

Hints and tips

- To test if conserve has set correctly, place a tablespoon of jam onto a frozen saucer. It should set within 1-2 minutes
- Cooking time will vary depending on the size of the scones.
- Scones can be baked and frozen.
- The mixed berry conserve can be substituted with a good quality store bought conserve.
- The sterilise crockery function can also be used to sterilise preserving jars.
- Conserve can be stored at room temperature for up to 6 months prior to opening.
- Once opened, conserve can be stored in the refrigerator for 4-6 weeks.
- Conserve can be made successfully on an Induction cooktop. Place berries, lemon juice, zest and vanilla into a
 large heavy based saucepan on high heat, Induction setting 9. Once fruit has collapsed, add in sugar and boil
 rapidly for 10-12 minutes until foam dissipates.