



Lamb rump shawarma with tomato and tea sauce

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15 minutes, plus marinating overnight

Preparation time

50 minutes

Cooking time

4

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Shawarma paste

- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 3 cloves
- ½ tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 star anise
- 1/4 tsp ground cardamom
- 1/4 tsp ground fenugreek
- 1 ½ tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp sumac, ground
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 3 cm piece ginger (15 g), grated
- 2 garlic cloves
- ½ cup coriander leaves and stems 60 ml (¼ cup) olive oil

Lamb

4 lamb rumps, cap off and trimmed of sinew

Neutral cooking oil

Fine sea salt

Coriander, to serve

Flatbread

500 g (3 ? cups) plain flour 500 g (1 ¾ cups) yoghurt 3 ½ tsp baking powder

- 1 tsp salt flakes
- 2 tbsp seeds (sesame, poppy seeds etc.)

Tomato and tea sauce

- 1 kg ripe tomatoes, halved, stalks retained
- 1 tbsp salt flakes
- 2 tbsp lapsang souchong loose-leaf tea
- 1 tsp white sugar, optional
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, optional

Miele accessories

Vacuum sealing bags Gourmet griddle plate Perforated steam container

METHOD

Shawarma paste

- 1. In a small frying pan, toast the black pepper, cloves, fennel seeds, cumin seeds and star anise on medium heat, induction setting 6 for approximately 5 minutes, or until fragrant.
- 2. Allow to cool and then grind to a fine powder in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle.
- 3. In a small food processor, add the spice powder with the remaining ingredients and process until a paste is formed.

Lamb

- 1. Start the lamb 1 day in advance.
- 2. Rub half the shawarma paste over the lamb and place in a vacuum sealing bag. Place into the vacuum sealing drawer and Vacuum on level 3 and Seal on level 3. Allow to marinate overnight in the fridge.
- 3. Remove the lamb from the fridge and leave at room temperature for 30 minutes before cooking.
- 4. Place the sealed bag into a perforated steam container in the steam oven. Sous-vide at 62°C for 45 minutes.
- 5. Remove the lamb from the bag and drain any juices. Lightly oil and season with fine sea salt.
- 6. Preheat the griddle plate on medium-high heat, induction setting 7 for 7 minutes.
- 7. Chargrill the lamb for 4 minutes on both sides.

Flatbread

- 1. Mix all ingredients in a bowl until combined.
- 2. Rest for 30 minutes on the bench at room temperature.
- 3. Heavily flour the bench, as it's a sticky dough.
- 4. Divide into 10 balls and roll 5 mm thick, sprinkle with seeds and roll them into the dough.
- 5. Heat a heavy pan or griddle plate on medium heat, induction setting 5 and allow to heat for 3 minutes. Turn the heat up to medium-high, induction setting 7 and allow to heat for a further 3 minutes.
- 6. Cook the flatbread for 3 minutes on both sides, until blistered and charred.

Tomato and tea sauce

- 1. In a blender, add the tomatoes and salt and process on high speed for at least 2 minutes until the seeds have broken down and it's a smooth puree.
- 2. In a large saucepan, add the tomato puree, tomato stalks and loose-leaf tea. Bring to the boil on high heat, induction setting 9 and stir every couple of minutes for 10 minutes.
- 3. Pass through a large double mesh sieve and press all the puree through, scraping the bottom of the sieve to get as much of the puree through as possible. Discard the loose-leaf tea and tomato stalks left in the sieve.
- 4. Return the puree to a clean saucepan and continue to boil on high heat, induction setting 8 for 5 minutes, or until thickened.
- 5. The sauce can be passed through a fine sieve again for a smooth finish if desired.
- 6. Depending on the tomatoes, the sauce may require a little sugar to balance the taste.
- 7. To enrich the sauce, a little extra virgin olive oil can be emulsified in.

To serve

- 1. Slice the lamb thickly against the grain and season the cut sides with salt flakes.
- 2. Serve with the sauce and coriander at room temperature.

Hints and tips

- This shawarma paste recipe makes more than you need. The remaining paste can be used for vegetables, whole roast chicken, or frozen for later use.
- If lapsang souchong can't be found, then loose-leaf English breakfast tea can be used. Reduce to 2 teaspoons and a few drops of hickory smoke liquid.
- The quality of the tomato sauce will depend on the quality of the tomatoes. Roma tomatoes are great, however you need to use a very ripe tomato, so it's best to select the tomato variety based on seasonality and ripeness.