DISH TITLE

SCOTCH EGG AND BROWN SAUCE

DISH DESCRIPTION

Family favorite, this scotch egg recipe served with brown sauce is one to repeat over and over again

SERVING SUGGESTION

Cut in half, and serve with a side salad as a starter or simply on their own as a snack.

OVERALL DIFFICULTY OVERALL SERVES

Basic

OVERALL PREP TIME OVERALL COOK TIME

30 mins 1 hour

SEASON

Winter

RECIPE

SCOTCH EGG

PREP TIME	COOK TIME	SERVES QTY
20 mins	20 mins	4

CHEFS TIP

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

5 large eggs 300g good-quality pork sausage, skinned

1 tsp black peppercorn, crushed 140g cooked ham, shredded

25g sage, apple & onion stuffing mix

1 tsp chopped sage

1 tsp chopped thyme

1 tsp chopped parsley

100g plain flour, seasoned, plus extra for dusting

100g dried breadcrumb (preferably Paxo)

sunflower oil, for frying

RECIPE METHOD

- 1. Bring a pan of salted water to a rapid boil, then lower 4 of the eggs into the pan and simmer for 7 mins 30 secs exactly. Scoop out and place in a bowl of iced water, cracking the shells a little (this makes them easier to peel later). Leave them to cool completely, then peel and set aside. Can be boiled the day before.
- 2. Put the sausagemeat, pepper, ham, stuffing and herbs in a small bowl, mix to combine, then divide into 4 equal balls. Squash one of the balls between a piece of cling film until it's as flat as possible
- 3. One at a time, lightly flour each cooked egg, then use the cling film to help roll the sausagemeat around the egg to completely encase. Repeat with the remaining sausageballs and eggs.
- 4. Beat the remaining egg and put on a plate. Put the flour and breadcrumbs on 2 separate plates. Roll the encased eggs in the flour, then the beaten egg and finally the breadcrumbs. Can be prepared up to a day in advance.
- 5. To cook the eggs, heat 5cm of the oil in a wide saucepan or wok until it reaches 160°C on a cooking thermometer or until a few breadcrumbs turn golden after 10 secs in the oil. Depending on the size of your pan, lower as many eggs as you can into the oil and cook for 8-10 mins until golden and crispy
- 6. Drain on kitchen paper, leave to cool a little, then serve cut into half.

RECIPE

BROWN SAUCE

PREP TIME	COOK TIME	SERVES QTY
10 mins	40 mins	10

CHEFS TIP

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

500g tomatoes

225g of onion, finely chopped

15g of ginger

1 bay leaf

1/2 star anise

2 cloves

1/2 chilli

2 pinches of white pepper

1 pinch of salt

5 juniper berries

12 fennel seeds

1/4 tsp allspice

112g of cooking apples, peeled, cored

and finely chopped

50g of dried apricots

700ml of water

4 tsp black treacle

4 tsp Worcestershire sauce

100ml red wine vinegar

RECIPE METHOD

- 1. Begin by preparing the tomatoes. Using the tip of a sharp knife, score a cross in the base of each tomato. Blanch carefully in boiling water, immediately plunging into ice water to cool (this process should loosen the skins of the tomatoes). Peel and deseed the tomatoes, then chop the flesh into chunks and set to one side.
- 2. Place a large pan over a medium heat and add a small dash of oil. Sweat the onions without allowing them to colour, then add the spices and seasonings, chopped tomatoes, fruit, water, treacle and Worcestershire sauce to the pan.
- 3. Stir well to combine, then leave to reduce gently over a light simmer. Add the vinegar, continuing to reduce until the mixture thickens to form a sauce-like consistency.
- 4. Pour the sauce into a blender and blitz until smooth, adjusting the seasoning to taste. Pass through a fine sieve into a clean jar and set aside to cool. Serve immediately once cool, or store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.