



# Upside down pear cake with vanilla ice cream

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4 hours

20 minutes

12

Serves

## **INGREDIENTS**

## Caramel

250g caster sugar 125ml water

## Vanilla ice cream

250ml cream
250ml milk
1 vanilla pod
100g sugar

2 tablespoons liquid glucose8 egg yolks

# Pear

175g butter, diced and softened
105g caster sugar
4 eggs
160g plain flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking powder
21?2 tablespoons almond meal
3 pears, poached and sliced

#### **METHOD**

#### Caramel

- 1. Grease and line the bottom of a 12 cup muffin tray.
- 2. Place sugar and water in a heavy based saucepan on high heat, Induction setting 7 and bring to the boil and cook until it turns a golden caramel colour.
- 3. Pour a small amount into each mould, enough to cover the bottom (reserve half the caramel for the praline).
- 4. Press 4 pear slices into the toffee, or enough to cover the bottom. Set aside to cool.

#### **Praline**

- 1. Line a baking tray with baking paper and spread with nuts, then cover with the rest of the caramel and put aside to set
- 2. Once cool, break up the praline and blitz in a food processor to a rough crumb.

## Pear cake

- 1. Pre-heat Steam Combination oven on Cakes Plus at 160°C.
- 2. Cream the butter and sugar in a food processor until light and creamy. Add the eggs slowly until combined, scraping down the sides when needed. Sift the flour and baking powder into a large bowl and fold in the almond meal. Then gently fold the egg mixture into the dry ingredients until combined.
- 3. Fill the muffin tins to the top with the cake batter and place in oven on shelf position 2 and bake for 20 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean.
- 4. Let the cakes cool slightly in the muffin tins, then remove by turning the muffin tin upside down.

## Vanilla ice cream

- 1. Place cream, milk and sugar in a solid steam tray and cover with lid. Steam at 100°C for 2 minutes.
- 2. Remove from Steam Oven and pour over egg yolks and glucose, whisking constantly until combined. Pour back into solid steam tray and steam at 85°C for 10 minutes. Whisk and steam again at 85°C for 15 minutes.
- 3. Pour immediately into a bowl over an ice bath and stir until cool. Place in freezer for 4 hours.

#### To serve

1. Place the pear cake in the centre of the plate. Top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and sprinkle over the praline crumb.