



Spiced beef cheek

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30 minutes Prep time

6.5 hours Cooking time

6 Servings Serves

INGREDIENTS

Beef cheek

6 beef cheeks Oil 4 onions, cut julienne 1 tablespoon cumin seeds 1 red chilli de-seeded, cut into 6 squares ½ head garlic, peeled and sliced 1 carrot 1 litre tomato puree or passata 1 litre chicken stock Murray River Sea Salt to taste

Pickled onions

100g sugar 100ml apple vinegar 100ml water 2 onions, peeled and cut in half horizontally

Pommes mousseline

1kg potatoes, peeled and diced 180g butter 2 tablespoons milk Murray River Sea Salt to taste

METHOD

Pickled onions

1. Place sugar, apple vinegar and water in a small pan, bring to the boil and pour over onions. Refrigerate for 12 hours before serving.

Beef cheek

- 1. Pre-heat oven on Conventional at 110°C with the baking and roasting rack on shelf position 1.
- 2. Trim any excess fat from beef. Heat a small amount of oil in a pan until hot and quickly sear the cheeks. Remove and place in a Gourmet oven dish.
- 3. Using the same pan, add the onion and cumin to the meat juices and cook on medium heat, Induction setting 5-6, for 3 minutes. Add the carrot, garlic and chilli and mix well to combine.
- 4. Add the tomato puree and chicken stock. Season to taste. Pour over the beef cheeks.
- 5. Place Gourmet oven dish in oven and cook uncovered for 6 hours.
- 6. Remove from oven and allow to rest for 10 minutes.
- 7. Test beef is cooked by using a spoon, flesh should pull apart with ease.
- 8. Remove beef cheeks. Blend the juices and vegetables together; the sauce should be a thick consistency.

Pommes mousseline

- 1. Place potatoes in perforated steam tray and steam at 100?C for 20 minutes.
- 2. Test with a skewer, if the skewer inserts easily, the potatoes are cooked.
- 3. Push the potatoes through a potato ricer and then through a drum sieve.
- 4. Add the butter and milk and mix well to combine, your mash should be as smooth as silk.

To serve

1. Place beef back into the sauce and re-heat in the oven at 110?C for 15 minutes. Serve with pommes mousseline and a pickled onion ring on top.

Hints and tips

• This recipe was based on small beef cheeks. If using medium-large beef cheeks , you may wish to increase the cooking time for a further 2 hours.