



Fennel and Freekeh Salad

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15 minutes Preparation Time

36 minutes Cooking Time

6 serves

INGREDIENTS

3 baby fennel, fronds reserved and thinly sliced using a mandolin175 g green beans, trimmed and cut in half lengthways3 lemons, cut in half

Steamed freekeh

1 ½ cups (330 g) freekeh 6 lemon thyme springs 5 slices lemon peel 2 garlic cloves, halved Salt flakes, to taste 2 cups (500 ml) water

To serve

Red vein sorrel Extra virgin olive oil Salt and pepper, to taste

METHOD

- 1. In an unperforated steam container, add the freekeh, lemon thyme, lemon peel, garlic, salt and water.
- 2. Place into the steam oven and Steam at 100°C for 35 minutes. Remove and set aside to cool.
- 3. Discard the lemon thyme, lemon peel and garlic.
- 4. Place the beans on a perforated steam tray and Steam at 100°C for 1 minute. Cool quickly by placing in a bowl of iced water for 1 minute, or until cool.
- 5. While the freekeh is steaming, place a large non-stick frying pan on high heat, induction setting 9.
- 6. Add the lemons, cut side down, and cook for 3–5 minutes or until caramelised and charred.

To assemble

- 1. Place the freekeh, fennel, beans, fennel fronds and red vein sorrel in a large bowl.
- 2. Drizzle with oil and gently toss to combine. Divide the salad between 6 small bowls and top with a squeeze of lemon. Season to taste.