



Shortbread, chocolate and manchego

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45 minutes

20 minutes

80

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Shortbread

250g salted butter

¼ cup sugar

1 small egg, beaten

1 cup rice flour

1 cup chickpea flour

1 teaspoon ground cumin

Chocolate Ganache

250ml cream

300g bitter dark chocolate

1 gelatine leaf, bloomed in cold water

50g butter

½ teaspoon smoked paprika

Sea salt to taste

200g manchego cheese

METHOD

Shortbread

- 1. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in $\frac{1}{2}$ the egg, fold in the flours and cumin and continue to mix until mixture forms a soft dough.
- 2. Roll the dough into 20 cent piece cylinders on a surface dusted with flour.
- 3. Place dough into cling wrap and roll. Place in the refrigerator to set hard.
- 4. Cut into $\frac{1}{4}$ inch slices, then place on a baking tray and prick the tops with a toothpick.
- 5. Pre-heat oven on Fan Plus at 170°C, or Select Automatic, Biscuit, 3 bars and follow the prompts.
- 6. Place the baking tray on shelf position 2 and bake for 16-18 minutes, or until shortbread is a pale golden brown. Allow to cool on baking sheets.

Chocolate Ganache

- 1. In a small saucepan, warm the cream on a high heat, Induction setting 7, until nearly at boiling point, remove from the heat, then stir in the chocolate. Add softened gelatine and stir.
- 2. Add butter and paprika, then a pinch of salt to taste and stir until smooth.
- 3. Place in refrigerator until thickened in consistency and suitable to pipe.

To Serve

1. Pipe ganache on top of shortbread, microplane manchego cheese on top and serve.