

Miele

Plum pudding ice cream

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4 hours

1 hour

8-10

Serves

INGREDIENTS

Ice Cream

175g leftover Christmas pudding 2-3 tablespoons brandy or orange liqueur 4 large egg yolks 100g caster sugar 300ml double cream 150g dark chocolate 65%, chopped

Sponge

5 eggs110g caster sugar150g plain flour

Swiss Meringue

200g egg whites 400g caster sugar

METHOD

Ice Cream

- 1. Break up the Christmas pudding with a fork, add the brandy and mix well. Set aside.
- Combine the egg yolks, sugar and cream. Place in a solid steam tray in the steam oven.
 Steam at 85°C for 20 minutes.
- 3. Pour into a bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. Add chocolate.
 Whisk on low speed until the chocolate has melted and is fully incorporated.
- 4. Fold the plum pudding mixture into the chocolate mixture with a large spoon. Set aside.

Sponge

- 1. Pre-heat the oven on Fan Plus at 160°C.
- 2. Place the eggs and sugar into a bowl of an electric stand mixer and whisk on high speed until the mixture is pale and fluffy.
- 3. Lightly fold in the flour and mix until fully combined.
- 4. Spread the mixture evenly onto 2 baking paper lined baking trays.
- 5. Change cooking setting to Combi Mode, Fan Plus 160°C + 40% moisture, cook for 5-7 minutes, or until lightly golden in colour and sponge springs back when touched gently.
 Remove sponge from the oven and allow to cool.
- 6. Grease and line a 1 litre bowl with plastic wrap. Cut the sponge into 2 disks, one to fit the base of the bowl and one to fit the top of the bowl.
- 7. Cut remaining sponge into strips for the sides of the bowl.
- 8. Line the bowl with the sponge, reserving the large disk of sponge to fit the top of the bowl to cover the ice cream.
- 9. Pour ice cream mixture on top of the sponge and smooth out the mixture with a crank angled palette knife. Place the large sponge disk on top. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze for at least 3-4 hours, or until solid.

Swiss Meringue

- 1. Place the sugar and egg whites into solid steam tray. Cover with foil or cling wrap and steam at 65°C for 25 minutes. The temperature of egg mixture should be 58°C when tested with a digital thermometer and sugar should now be dissolved.
- Pour meringue mixture into the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with a clean dry whisk.
 Whisk on high speed for 5 minutes, until the meringue has increased in volume and is white and glossy.
- 3. Lift whisk to check consistency, the meringue should hold firm with a slight bend to the peak.
- 4. Unmould the frozen pudding on a plate lined with baking paper.
- 5. Swirl meringue over sponge, covering completely (or pipe in little peaks) to cover the sponge entirely.
- 6. Use a kitchen blow torch to brown the meringue and serve.