

Pavlova with poached Pink Lady® apples

A blush take on poached apples, paired with crispy meringue for crunch

Serves 6 - 8



Ingredients:

- 6 large egg whites
- Pinch fine salt
- Pinch cream of tartar
- 💙 1½ cups (300g) castor sugar
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp (30ml) cornflour
- ½ tsp (3ml) vanilla essence

Topping:

- ½ cup (125ml) honey
- ♥ 2 cups (500ml) rosé wine
- ♥ 1 vanilla pod, halved
- 2 star anise
- ♥ 5 Pink Lady® apples
- 1 tub (250ml) cream
- ¼ cup (60ml) castor sugar
- C Edible flowers for serving

Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 120°C.
- 2. Trim baking paper to fit your baking tray and trace a circle using a 25-30cm round plate.
- 3. Whisk together egg whites, salt and cream of tartar for 3-4 minutes to form medium stiff peaks.
- 4. Gradually add half the sugar 1 Tbsp (15ml) at a time, waiting for sugar to dissolve before adding the next spoon.
- 5. Add remaining sugar 3 Tbsp (45ml) at a time at 5-6-minute intervals until sugar has dissolved.
- 6. Combine lemon juice, cornflour and vanilla, whisking out any lumps.
- 7. Whisk mixture into egg whites until combined.
- 8. Place baking paper on a baking tray.
- 9. Reduce oven temperature to 100°C.
- 10. Spoon meringue within the stencil line, creating peaks with the back of the spoon or a palette knife.
- 11. Create a slight indent in the centre. 12. Bake for about 1½ hours, then turn oven off. Cool in the oven, keeping the door closed, for 45 minutes.
- ${\bf 13.}\ Open\ oven\ door\ slightly\ and\ leave\ meringue\ inside\ overnight\ to\ set\ and\ cool\ completely.$
- 14. Heat together wine, honey, vanilla and star anise to make a simmering hot poaching liquid.
- 15. Peel apples and poach for 10-15 minutes, or until soft but maintaining their shape. 16. Whisk cream and castor sugar together until mixture forms medium stiff peaks.
- 17. Top pavlova with cream mixture, apples and a drizzle of poaching liquid. (Don't do it earlier, as meringue will break under the weight of apples.)
- 18. Serve with edible flowers.



