

VENISON STEAKS WITH BUTTERED ASPARAGUS AND RED WINE SAUCE

This recipe, by James Martin and available on the Good Food Channel website, is a perfect pairing of two fantastic British ingredients - venison and asparagus.

Serves 2

Method

- 1. Heat up half the butter and the olive oil in a frying pan until hot.
- 2. Season the steaks on both sides and then add to the hot frying pan and cook for a couple of minutes on each side.
- 3. Add the onion, garlic and mushrooms to the venison in the pan and fry all together for a further 2-3 minutes. Then remove the venison (when done to your liking) and keep warm.
- 4. Stir the gin into the mushroom mixture and then add the red wine, red wine vinegar and stock.
- 5. Stir in the chocolate or sugar and let it all bubble for 5-6 minutes, until its reduced.
- 6. Meanwhile add the remaining butter to another pan and fry off the asparagus until they have softened slightly and got some colour.
- 7. Remove the mushroom mix from the heat and stir in the chopped parsley and add extra seasoning if needed.
- 8. Then serve the venison with the asparagus and the reduced mushroom mixture over the top or on the side, which ever you prefer.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Holme Farmed Venison 6oz steaks
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tbsp butter
- 20 asparagus spears
- 1/2 an onion finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 mushrooms, sliced
- 4 tbsp gin
- 50 ml red wine
- 10ml red wine vinegar
- 250ml beef stock
- 10 g dark chocolate or 1 tsp sugar
- 1 handful of flat leaf parsley, finely chopped

SERVING TIPS

Use fresh British asparagus in