VENISON ALLA MILANESE WITH ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND HERB PESTO

This is a delicious Italian dish from Gino D'Acampo and adapted from the BBC Food website. A great mix of flavours for our venison and a perfect meal for two.

Serves 2

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
- For the venison alla Milanese, place the breadcrumbs, herbs, chilli flakes and salt and freshly ground black pepper into a food processor and pulse until just combined.
- 3. Heat the olive oil and butter in a frying pan. Dip the venison into the beaten egg, then coat in the breadcrumb mixture and fry for 3-4 minutes on each side, or until golden-brown and cooked through.
- 4. For the roasted squash, blanch the squash in a pan of boiling salted water for 4-5 minutes, then drain. Transfer to a roasting tin, drizzle over the olive oil and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Place into the oven to roast for 10-12 minutes, or until golden and tender.
- 5. For the herb pesto, place all of the pesto ingredients into a food processor and blend until smooth.
- 6. To serve, place the venison on a serving plate and spoon the roasted squash alongside. Drizzle the herb pesto around the edges of the plate to garnish.

INGREDIENTS

For the venison alla Milanese:

2 x 3oz Holme Farmed venison steaks, flattened out with a meat mallet or rolling pin - Use one of our 6oz steaks cut into two

- 8 tbsp fresh white breadcrumbs
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh thyme leaves

- 2 pinches chilli flakes salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp butter
- 2 free-range eggs, beaten

For the roasted butternut squash:

- 1 butternut squash, peeled and chopped
- 4 tbsp olive oil

salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the herb pesto:

- 8 tbsp olive oil
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh basil
- 4 tbsp chopped fresh chives

salt and freshly ground black pepper

SERVING TIPS

Could also be served with some Italian spaghe