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Serves 10

INGREDIENTS:

For the couscous;

50g fresh chives, finely chopped 300g semi-dried smoky tomatoes, drained and cut in half 2 lemons, juiced 200g couscous 40g tomato paste 10g smoked paprika 5g mild chilli flakes 30ml extra virgin olive oil 3g sea salt 2g black peppercorns 300ml boiling water

For the aubergines;

60g rose harissa 60ml pomegranate molasses 60g clear honey 4g sea salt 4 aubergines 90ml garlic-infused oil 30g fresh coriander, picked

METHOD:

- 1. To make the aubergines; Preheat the oven to 200°C fan. Line a gastro tray with parchment paper.
- Mix together the rose harissa, pomegranate molasses, honey and a generous amount of salt in a bowl.
- 3. Peel the aubergines, then cut them in half lengthways. Score criss-cross lines on the flat side about 1.5cm apart, cutting no deeper than 1cm into the flesh. Place the aubergine halves, right-side up, in the gastro tray, brush the scored side generously with garlic oil until you have used it all up and roast for 30 mins.
- Remove the aubergine from the oven and, using a spoon cover the harissa mixture evenly over the aubergine halves to coat generously, then roast for another 10 mins. Cut into desired portion size.
- 5. Serve with smoky tomato couscous and garnish with coriander.
- 6. To make the couscous; Put the couscous, tomato paste, smoked paprika, chili flakes, olive oil and a generous amount of salt and freshly cracked pepper in a mixing bowl. Using a fork, mix the ingredients together until evenly combined. Pour over boiling water and stir quickly. Cover the bowl with clingfilm and leave to stand for 5 mins.
- Carefully remove the clingfilm and use a fork to fluff up the couscous. Gently mix through the semidried tomatoes, chives and lemon juice.