SWEET STUFFED LEG OF LAMB

Ingredients:

Take a leg of lamb and cut it up to open it into one large flap of meat or butterfly style 250g garlic (diced) and enough garlic paste to smear the leg of lamb for marinating 250g black gram lentils (kalo boot, which have been boiled with some salt)

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250g spinach

1 cup lemon juice

4-5 red chillies, deseeded and skin removed 4 red onions (make a paste from 2 onions

and dice other 2) ½ bottle gourd (lau) cut into thin round

slices

1 tbsp rosemary

1 tbsp thyme

2 tbsp basil (dried)

2 tbsp oregano

½ cup raisins

½ cup feta cheese

½ cup almonds (blanched then take the

peel off and cut thin long strands)

¼ cup walnuts (dry roasted)

½ cup brown sugar

1 cup olive oil

Method:

Marinate the leg of lamb overnight with a coating of the lemon juice and garlic paste. Use ½ teaspoon olive oil and start frying the black gram in them then add the 2 tbsp sugar and let it melt and thus caramelise the lentils. Make sure the sugar does not burn but only reaches a brown colour. Sauté the spinach with 1 tbsp garlic in 1 tbsp olive oil.

Smear the lau with some garlic paste,



olive oil, salt, rosemary and leave aside for half an hour. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl and add half cup lemon juice, 2 tbsp olive oil, salt and pepper to taste.

Remember the red chillies will be giving off some spice so check for your preferred taste. In a large, oil smeared tray, lay the leg

of lamb then along its length start filling it up with the mix and roll it up then use a thread or kitchen thread to tie it together. In a pre-heated oven at 200°C for 15 minutes, bring it down to 180°C then place the tray with the leg of lamb inside for about 15 minutes. After this intense heat, cover it

with foil and reduce heat to about 150° and cook for an hour or till you can dig in a fork and feel it is cooked.

Serving:

Serve it with a raita and sautéed bed of assorted veggies or plain rice.

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