Instant Pot Chinese Chicken

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1.5kg chicken
- 2 tablespoons ghee
- 120g shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and guartered
- 3 spring onions, trimmed and cut into 2" segments
- 3 medium garlic cloves, pealed and trimmed
- 1" fresh ginger, peeled and cut into 5mm coins
- Juice from 1 lime
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup sliced spring onions

Method

- 1. Sprinkle salt and pepper all over chicken, both inside and out.
- 2. Add 1 tablespoon of ghee to the pressure cooker and press the saute button.
- 3. When the fat is shimmering toss in the mushrooms and spring onions. Cook for 2 minutes.
- 4. Add the garlic and ginger and saute for 30 seconds.
- 5. Push the vegetables to the side of the pot. Add a teaspoon of ghee to the exposed bit in the center.
- 6. Sear the chicken breast side down for 5 minutes then breast side up for 5 minutes.
- 7. Turn off the saute function.
- 8. Transfer the chicken to a plate then pour 1/2 cup water into the pot, scraping off any brown bits.
- 9. Add a steamer insert to the bottom of the pressure cooker, and lay the bird on top of it, breast side up.
- 10. Pressure cook on high for 20 minutes then release the pressure.
- 11. Move the chicken to a plate and tent it with foil leaving it to rest for 10 minutes.
- 12. Pour the solids through a seive and set aside the mushrooms. Press down on the solids and extract any liquid.
- 13. Stir in the lime juice and sesame oil. Adjust the seasonings to taste.
- 14. Serve with mushrooms and spring onions.