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Ingredients

1 sponge base (23cm)

1 vanilla pod

1 lemon (grated zest and juice)

200g caster sugar

75g cornflour

900g full-fat soft cream cheese

4 large eggs

275ml double cream

400g blackberries

50ml honey

100g sugar



NEW YORK BAKED LEMON CHEESECAKE WITH BLACKBERRY COMPOTE

Serves: 4

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 180° C/gas mark 4. Slice the sponge base through horizontally to form a 5mm thick disc, and place it in the bottom of a springform 23cm cake tin.
- 2. Split the vanilla pod in half lengthways and scrape out the seeds. Put the vanilla seeds, lemon zest and juice, caster sugar, cornflour and cream cheese into a bowl and whisk together. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well between adding each one. Add the double cream, whisking until the mixture is smooth.
- 3. Pour into the cake tin and tap it lightly to settle the mix. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour until the top is golden and the cheesecake just set.
- 4. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.
- 5. Place the blackberries in a small pan with the honey and sugar and gently bring to the boil. Reduce the liquid for 5 minutes, then leave to cool in the fridge.
- When cool, remove the cooked cheesecake from the tin and cut into portions. Place on white china plates and serve with the blackberry compote.



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