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Christmas Chutney

Ingredients

750g cooking apples, unprepared weight

250g onions, diced

400g cranberries, fresh or frozen

250g dried figs, roughly chopped

2 clementines, zest & juice

500g soft light brown sugar

I tbsp ground ginger

2 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp ground cloves

500ml red wine vinegar

I tsp salt

2 tsp pink peppercorns, crushed

Method

- 1. Prepare the apples and onions and cut into approximately 1cm cubes, then place in a large pan or jam pan
- 2. Add all the other ingredients to the pan.
- 3. On a low heat stir until all the sugar has dissolved.
- 4. Turn the heat up high and bring the mixture up to the boil.
- 5. Then simmer for 50 minutes until the chutney has thickened.
- 6. While the chutney is simmering preheat the oven to 150 degrees centigrade (130 fan) or Gas mark 2.
- 7. Place the jars facedown on a baking tray with the lids and place in the preheated oven for at least 30 minutes.
- 8. The chutney is ready when you run the spatula through the middle and you can see the base of the pan for a few seconds.
- 9. Using a jam funnel fill the sterilised jars.
- 10. Place the lids on the jars and label.
- 11. Leave in a cool dark place for a couple of weeks or more for the flavour to develop before eating.