FOUR-CHEESE ARANCINI WITH ARRABBIATA SAUCE AND VEGETABLE SALSA

Rice filling

Heat butter and olive oil in a large heavy-based pot over a medium heat and stir-fry onion for 10 minutes. Add risotto rice and continue stirring with a wooden spoon. Pour in wine and continue stirring until half the liquid has cooked away. Slowly add stock in small amounts, continuing to stir and allowing it to be absorbed before adding more. Continue for about 15 to 20 minutes or until the rice is cooked but still firm. Remove from the heat and allow to cool for 10 minutes before stirring in the four cheeses. Season to taste. Allow to cool, then mould tablespoonfuls of cooled rice mixture into balls.

30 g butter
50 ml olive oil
1 white onion, diced
250 g risotto rice
30 g Parmesan cheese, grated
30 g blue cheese, crumbled
30 g drunken pecorino cheese, grated
30 g ricotta cheese, crumbled
125 ml dry white wine
1 ℓ vegetable stock at
boiling temperature
salt and black pepper

Breadcrumb coating

Line up three shallow bowls with flour, egg and breadcrumbs, respectively. Dip each arancini ball into flour, shaking off any excess, then egg and then crumbs, ensuring the rice is completely coated. Set aside.

100 g cake wheat flour 2 large eggs, lightly beaten 200 g fine dried breadcrumbs

Arrabbiata sauce

In a medium saucepan, fry onion, garlic and chilli in olive oil. Add tomato and basil, and cook for 10 minutes over medium to low heat. Add sugar and season to taste. Transfer to a blender and blend until smooth.

1 red onion, finely chopped 1 garlic clove, finely chopped 1 red chilli, finely chopped 30 ml olive oil 1 tin (400 g) quality plum tomatoes handful of fresh basil, chopped 10-20 g dark brown sugar

Vegetable salsa

Mix the vegetables and coriander in a bowl. Add lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste

To cook

Pour vegetable oil into a deep, heavy-bottomed saucepan and place over high heat. Wait 5 minutes before testing your first arancini ball. Carefully lower balls into the oil with a slotted spoon, in batches of 4, and deep-fry for 8 minutes or until golden and crispy. Transfer to a double layer of paper towel to drain. Serve with the arrabbiata sauce and vegetable salsa.

½ yellow sweet pepper, diced 2 tomatoes, cheeks only, diced ¼ cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced 1 red onion, thinly sliced handful of coriander leaves, torn fresh lemon juice salt and pepper

1 \ell vegetable oil, for deep-frying

Serves 4

