BBQed mackerel with charred hispi cabbage, garlic sesame sauce, crispy dukkah and lemon verbena







Ingredients

BBQed mackerel

2 whole mackerel 2 tbsp rapeseed oil Pinch of Maldon salt Pinch of black pepper

Charred hispi cabbage

1 large hispi sweetheart cabbage 2 tbsp rapeseed oil Pinch of Maldon salt Pinch of ground pepper



Garlic sesame sauce

40g tahini paste
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
50g natural yogurt
Maldon salt
Black pepper

Crispy dukkah

50g sesame seeds
50g sunflower seeds
50g pine nuts
2 tbsp coriander seeds
1 tbsp cumin seeds
1 tbsp black pepper

Garnish

Sprigs of lemon verbana Watercress



Method

- Remove the outer leaves of the hispi cabbage. Cut them into quarters but keep the core intact so the leaves stay together.
- Marinate the cabbage with olive oil and massage it into the leaves. Sprinkle salt and pepper over the leaves; put them on a hot griddle pan and cook on each side for 6-8 minutes until they're blackened and charred with a nice dark brown crust.
- Butterfly a whole mackerel. Rub it with oil, salt and pepper, then fry skin side down for 3-4 minutes until the skin is crispy. Turn and cook for 1-2 minutes, then take off the heat.



- In a small bowl, combine the tahini, garlic, lemon juice and natural yoghurt, whisking until the sauce is like thick cream or runny yoghurt. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Toast all ingredients in a pan, then put into a pestle and mortar and grind roughly.
- Put a large spoonful of garlic sesame sauce onto the plate. Add the hispi cabbage and mackerel. Finish off with more sauce and a sprinkle of dukkah, then top with some nice lemon verbena.

