



RECIPE OF THE WEEK: 26/09/2022 Cabbage Rice with Tomatoes (Lahanorizo Kokkinisto)

This is a simple dish to prepare but it is tasty and nutritious. It is a good accompaniment for meat, fish and seafood dishes but it can be eaten on its own with feta or yoghurt.

Ingredients (Serves 4-5)

3 tbsp olive oil

2 medium onions, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, finely sliced

250g cabbage, shredded or cut into chunky pieces

1 tbsp tomato puree

500g ripe tomatoes, skinned, de-seeded and finely chopped or 1 x 400g canned tomatoes, drained and finely chopped

875ml water or vegetable stock juice and zest of 1 lemon 250g long grain rice 1 small bunch of flat leaf parsley 1 small bunch of dill, finely chopped 875ml water sea salt and finely ground black pepper



a little extra virgin olive oil finely flat-leaf parsley and dill, chopped



Method

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a large, wide casserole until hot but not smoking and fry the onion for 3 minutes until soft and golden. Add the garlic and sauté for 1 minute.
- 2. Stir in the cabbage and tomato puree and sauté for 5-6 minutes until the cabbage reduces its volume by half.
- 3. Stir in the tomatoes and water or vegetable stock and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon.
- 4. Add the rice and herbs and season to taste. Cover and cook for 15-20 minutes until the rice is cooked and it is light and fluffy.
- 5. Serve hot on plates. Sprinkle with a little extra virgin-olive oil, flat-leaf parsley and dill.
- 6. Sprinkle with the juice and zest of a lemon at the end of cooking.
- 7. Serve with feta, yoghurt or as a side dish with meat and all fish dishes.

NOTE: You may substitute the cabbage with finely chopped leeks, carrots and celeriac, using the same method. © George Psarias