Almond panna cotta with poached tamarillos and berries

Ingredients

For the panna cotta

- 250ml/9fl oz full-fat milk
- 250ml/9fl oz double cream
- 1 vanilla pod, split
- 4 gelatine leaves, soaked in cold water until softened, drained
- 50g/2oz caster sugar
- few drops almond extract
- oil, for greasing
- For the tamarillos
- 2 tamarillos, halved lengthways
- 100g/4oz caster sugar
- 1 vanilla pod
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 bay leaf
- For the berries
- handful raspberries
- handful blueberries
- 50g/2oz caster sugar
- 50ml/2fl oz cassis

Preparation method

- 1. For the panna cotta, lightly oil four individual pudding basins and then set them on a tray.
- 2. Pour the milk and cream into a saucepan and add the vanilla pod and seeds. Bring to the boil; remove from the heat and leave to infuse for few minutes.
- 3. Stir the gelatine leaves into the pan, add the sugar and then continue to stir over a low heat until completely dissolved. Remove the vanilla pod and stir in the almond extract.
- **4.** Pour the mixture into the basins. Place in the fridge to chill for at least two hours, or until completely set.
- **5.** Meanwhile, for the tamarillos, pour 200ml/7fl oz of water into a saucepan and add the sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and bay leaf. Cook over a low heat until the sugar has dissolved.
- 6. Increase the heat and, when simmering, add the tamarillos. Poach the tamarillos for about 5-10 minutes and then remove from the heat and set aside to cool in the syrup.

over 2 hours preparation time

30 mins to 1 hour cooking time Serves 4

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Tamarillo fruit looks a little like a tomato but tastes much sharper - poached, it makes a novel accompaniment to this nutty panna cotta.

Equipment and preparation: For the recipe you will need 4 x individual pudding basins

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- 7. For the berries, pour 100ml/4fl oz of water into a saucepan, add the berries, sugar and cassis and cook over a low heat for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. The mixture should become almost jammy.
- **8.** To serve, dip the pudding basins in hot water for a couple of seconds and then turn out onto serving plates. Serve the tamarillo and berries alongside.