Chocolate, Hazelnut and Fig Biscotti



<u>Paul's</u> Chocolate, Hazelnut and Fig Biscotti recipe appears in the <u>Biscuits</u> episode of Season 3 of <u>The</u> <u>Great British Baking Show</u>.

Prep time: 40 Minutes

Cook time: 60 Minutes

Ingredients

- 150g dried figs (roughly chopped)
- 60ml orange Liqueur (cointreau)
- Zest of one orange (Sicilian)
- 150g hazelnuts (skinless roughly chopped and toasted)
- 50g butter (Lightly salted softened room temperature. Lurpak)
- 150g Soft Dark Muscovado sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract
- 3 medium eggs (Free range)
- 35g cocoa powder (Green & Black organic)
- 280g plain flour
- ¹/₂ tsp baking powder
- 150g semi-sweet chocolate (roughly chopped)

Directions

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C fan
- 2. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment
- 3. Roughly chop the figs and soak in Orange liqueur along with the orange zest for 30 minutes.
- 4. Toast the hazelnuts in the oven in a shallow tray for 7-8mins at 170°C.
- 5. Cream butter, sugar and vanilla extract in a stand mixer until thoroughly mixed.
- 6. Beat in eggs one at a time, they may separate slightly, this will be rectified later.
- 7. Sift in the dry ingredients and fold into the wet mix until evenly mixed, now add the fig mixture followed by the chocolate and hazelnuts, mix until evenly combined.
- 8. Lightly flour work surface, Divide the dough roughly in half and shape into two 20cm (8inch) logs, place onto baking tray and flatten slightly to give the distinctive shape.
- 9. Bake in oven for 25-30 minutes.

- 10. Remove from oven and cool for 10mins, in the meantime reduce oven temperature to 160°C fan.
- 11. Using a sharp knife (not serrated) cut into 1 to 2cm pieces diagonally, place pieces flat on the baking sheet and bake for a further 30mins, turning them at the half way point.
- 12. Cool on wire rack.