Leek, mushroom & baby spinach risotto

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Preparation: about 20 minutes Cooking: about 30 minutes

Serves:

300g Swiss Brown button mushrooms, sliced 4½ cups chicken stock

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2 leeks, trimmed, halved lengthways and finely sliced

2 garlic cloves, crushed

2 cups Arborio* short-grain rice

½ cup dry white wine

1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese

100g baby spinach leaves

Salt and ground black pepper

Extra finely grated parmesan cheese, to serve

*Arborio rice is a short-grain rice used for risotto.



Swiss brown mushrooms

- A source of dietary fibre, vital for maintaining healthy intestinal function.
- Great flavour for virtually no fat and very few kilojoules (less than 100 kJ/100g).
- 1. Combine mushrooms and stock in a medium saucepan. Bring to the boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer mushrooms to a plate. Reheat stock over medium heat until just boiling.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add leeks and garlic and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes or until leeks are tender.
- 3. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for 1–2 minutes or until rice begins to become transparent. Add wine and cook until wine is almost evaporated.
- 4. Gradually add small ladlefuls of boiling stock to the rice, stirring constantly (this takes about 15 minutes). Stir in mushrooms with the last ladleful of stock. Stir to combine (at this point rice should be just tender and creamy, if not add extra stock). Stir in spinach. Remove from heat, stir in parmesan and season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with extra grated parmesan cheese.