

CRISPY BAKED HAKE WITH SPICY POTATO MASH

Serves 2

For the hake

- ★ 75g breadcrumbs
- * 15g gouda cheese, finely grated
- * 2 Tbsp (30ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley
- * 40g all-purpose flour
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten
- * 400g hake fillets, skinned and deboned
- * Salt and black pepper, to taste
- * 2 Tbsp (30ml) olive oil
- * Lemon wedges, to serve

For the spicy potato mash

- * 4 medium potatoes
- * Water, enough to cover the potatoes
- ¥ 50g butter
- **★** 50ml coconut milk
- * 1 Tbsp (15ml) mild masala spice
- **★** 1 Tbsp (15ml) turmeric
- * Salt and pepper, to taste

For the hake

- 1. Preheat the oven to 210°C.
- **2.** Line a baking tray with parchment paper or foil.
- **3.** Place the breadcrumbs in a shallow dish, along with the grated cheese and parsley.
- **4.** Place the flour and egg in their own, separate shallow bowls.
- **5.** Season the hake fillets with salt and black pepper.
- **6.** Dip one hake fillet at a time into the flour. Shake off the excess, then dip into the egg and, finally, into the breadcrumb mixture.
- **7.** Lay each fillet on the lined baking tray and drizzle with olive oil.
- **8.** Place on the tray in the oven and bake the fish fillets for 15–17 minutes, or until golden brown, making sure to turn the fish fillets halfway through. Serve on a bed of spicy potato mash

For the spicy potato mash

- **1.** In a large pot, place the potatoes and water, cover, and bring to a boil. Cook for 35–40 minutes, or until soft. To test if they're done, insert a fork or sharp knife through a potato it should be able to go through the flesh with ease. Once cooked, drain the water, peel off the potato skins and discard.
- **2.** In the same pot, melt the butter over medium heat
- **3.** Add the cooked potatoes, coconut milk, masala spice, turmeric, and salt and pepper. Mash until well combined and creamy.

