CAULIFLOWER RASAM

A LIGHT AND FRAGRANT SOUP USING SEASONAL POTATOES. PERFECT FOR LUNCH OR AS A STARTER.

SEASON: SPRING/AUTUMN | COURSE: SOUP | COMPLEXITY: EASY | PREP TIME: 10-15 MINS | COOKING TIME: 15-20 MINS | CATEGORY: VEGETARIAN/VEGAN | SERVES: 4-6

INGREDIENTS 12 to 14 cauliflower florets 10 to 12 tenderstem broccoli 3 small Jersey Royal potatoes (cubed) 2 banana shallots (chopped) 2 garlic cloves (chopped) 1/4 tsp crushed fennel ½ tsp crushed cumin 1 green chilli (de-seeded) 2 bay leaves 2 cloves Salt to taste 6 curry leaves 2 tbsp olive oil 1 tsp asafoetida 1.2 litres vegetable stock GARNISH: 1 tsp freshly crushed black pepper Red chilli (chopped) Spring onion (chopped)

1 tbsp tamarind sauce (see appendix)

Roasted sunflower seeds

STEPS

- 1. Heat the oil in a pan and add cloves, bay leaves, fennel, and cumin. Fry on a medium heat for a minute.
- Add garlic, curry leaves, shallots, salt, green chilli and asafoetida. Sauté for a couple of minutes
- 3. Add potatoes, and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until they soften.
- 4. Pour in the stock and bring it to the boil.
- 5. Add the cauliflower and broccoli, and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Garnish with freshly cracked black pepper, chopped chilli, spring onion, tamarind paste and sunflower seeds.

CHEF'S RECOMMENDATION

A good quality rasam looks a lot like a consommé. The key is to not burn the spices. Keep the vegetables in cold water after you've chopped them as this will keep them fresh.