Tomatoes, Burrata & Prosciutto Loaded Focaccia



Serves 8 Prep 25 mins Cooking 50 mins Easy + chill + 1h 30 mins rise (or 10 mins)

Ingredients

Large focaccia or if you make your own:
400g strong white bread flour
5g sachet dried fast-action yeast
50ml olive oil, + extra for the tray & drizzling
1 tbsp semolina or polenta

600g tomatoes, all colours & sizes, large ones halved

4 whole garlic cloves, unpeeled (optional)

2 x 250g balls burrata

6 slices prosciutto

For the pesto

small bunch of basil, + leaves to serve 25g toasted pine nuts 25g parmesan

1 lemon, zested, + squeeze of juice 1 garlic clove

75ml extra virgin olive oil, + drizzling or shop bought pesto

- 1. To make your own dough: Make the dough the day before baking the focaccia. Mix the flour, yeast, 1 tsp salt & 275ml warm water in a large bowl, or the bowl of a stand mixer with a dough hook attached. The dough should be quite wet & sticky. Work it for a few minutes, stretching & folding it by hand, or using the dough hook. With wet hands, tuck the dough into a rough ball, cover the bowl, put in the fridge & leave overnight.
- 2. To make the pesto, blitz all the ingredients together with salt & black pepper. Transfer to a bowl & chill until needed. Will keep chilled for up to a week or frozen for 2 months.
- 3. Remove the dough from the fridge & leave at room temperature for 1-2 hrs, until doubled in size & the outside of the bowl has lost its chill. Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7.
- 4. Oil a 22cm x 32cm baking tray & dust with semolina. Tip the dough onto the tray &, with oiled hands, stretch it to fit the tray. Leave in a warm place to prove for 30 mins.
- 5. Meanwhile, put the tomatoes and garlic cloves in a roasting tin. Season & drizzle with a little oil. Roast for 20 mins, then cool for 10 mins.
- 6. Spoon the warm tomatoes over the focaccia dough, drizzling with any of the oily juices in the bowl. Pop the garlic cloves out of their skins & squeeze between your fingers into smaller pieces, dot the garlic over the tomatoes. Scatter with flaky salt & bake in the oven for 30 mins.
- 7. When the focaccia is cooked, leave to cool for at least 15-45 mins (or cool and reheat to warm before serving). Cut the focaccia into 8 chunky rectangles then tear each burrata into quarters and place a piece on each chunk. Arrange ribbons of prosciutto on top, then spoon over the fresh pesto, scatter with basil leaves and drizzle with a little extra virgin olive oil.

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